

Hazardous waste wells are renewed

Ashley Lawrence
Staff Writer

Romulus received another blow in the fight to stop two hazardous waste injection wells from becoming operational when the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) announced, this week, that it has renewed the underground injection control permits for Environmental Disposal Systems (EDS).

The permits will allow EDS to dispose of hazardous liquid waste by injecting it into the two wells, but not just yet.

Environmental Disposal Systems is still required by law to receive an operating license from the State of Michigan to begin dumping the waste. At this time that license is under review by the state, according to Romulus Economic Development Director Tim Keyes.

"We are tremendously disappointed that the EPA continues to fail to hear the community," said Keyes. "But this is not over yet."

Many state and local representatives have been trying to stop EDS from pumping hazardous material into the wells for more than 12 years.

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Earlier this year, Sunoco Oil filed a petition with the EPA asking them to reconsider an exemption issued to EDS in March.

The exemption freed EDS from federal restrictions on land disposal of hazardous waste for the two injection wells, which are located in Romulus.

The disposal company would use the wells, which are about 4,200 feet below the surface, to hold hazardous liquid wastes including acids and heavy metals like mercury, chromium and nickel.

But Sunoco has received all the necessary permits from the state to begin to operate brine disposal and extraction wells in the same formation as EDS.

Sunoco plans to store natural gas for future use in the formation. When the gas is in demand, Sunoco would then bring up the gas and replace it with brine or salt water.

If EDS were also allowed use of the wells to dump the hazardous waste, Sunoco could bring the hazardous waste to the surface when it brought up the gas, well opponents claim.

The EPA contends that, based on an extensive review of the EDS petition for exemption, scientific data and public comments, "the waste will stay confined to a layer of rock deep underground and will not threaten human health or the environment."

The original permits, issued in April 1998, expired in October 2003. They allow EDS to dispose of liquid hazardous and non-hazardous waste into the two wells. The average daily volume of waste injected is estimated to be more than 240,000 gallons and the maximum pressure

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The best they can be

Romulus Middle School students strive to be the best they can be each week and those who stand apart are rewarded as Student of the Month award winners. This month, award winners include, (first row, left) Brooke Tanner, Raheem Brown, David Plank, Don Davis, Tierra Garrison, Daniel Lucaj, Deandry Buckley; (second row) Board of Education President, Cheryl Buckley, Kevin Brown, Daijah Street, Meriah Chapman, Sha'Quita Waters, Melissa Groce, Sarah James and Levi Adams.

Seniors urged not to panic about flu vaccine shortage

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Flu shots are a hot commodity this year in western Wayne County - and throughout the country.

So there is no doubt that Romulus, Belleville, Van Buren and Sumpter township residents looking to get a flu shot this year may be having some trouble finding the vaccination anywhere in Wayne County.

The flu vaccine shortage started earlier this month when British regulators stopped the Chiron Corp., one of only two major influenza vaccine suppliers for the U.S., from manufacturing the vaccine due to unspecified sterility defects in the plant in Liverpool, England, where all of the vaccine is made.

This 3-month suspension took effect immediately. It prevented Chiron from shipping the 48 million doses expected by the U.S. government to combat flu season this year.

There were more than 300 seniors signed up to receive flu shots at the Romulus Senior Center, but the vaccine shipment never arrived. But Linda Norman senior citizens coordinator for Romulus said people should not panic, yet.

"This is very early for people to start panicking if they don't have a flu shot," said Norman. "The flu season doesn't even start until about mid to late November and that is when people normally get their flu shot. So there is still time to find the flu vaccine."

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Iraq residents thankful for U.S. involvement, praise cooperation

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Iraqi citizen Athraa Hasoon said that she lives a "typical family life" in her country, now that Saddam Hussein's reign is coming to an end.

"Although there is bloodshed, it is not as violent as the TV images show," Hasoon said. "I get up and walk my daughter to school, go to work, come home and cook just like anyone else."

Hasoon, a professor of biology at Baghdad University, also said that there must be probable cause in order for the authorities

ties to apprehend someone, whereas under the Ba'ath party, citizens of Iraq could be detained for minuscule reasons, such as not having at least one photograph of former president Hussein in their home.

She and Dr. Hayder Abdulkarin, who volunteered with the Middle East Council of Churches in Iraq to provide humanitarian assistance during the war, spoke to members of the Plymouth Morning Rotary Club and their guests last week about the pain and suffering the people of Iraq endured under the Ba'ath party. And he says with

the help of Iraq's new "partner," his country will thrive in the years to come.

"Now we have hope," he said. "Every time you have hope, there is always the opportunity for new development, education, health services and security."

The Iraq-America Freedom Alliance (IAFA) called in the two individuals, who are doing their part to build a bright future for the people of Iraq.

The alliance is a coalition of American and Iraqi organizations and individuals committed to fostering goodwill between

our nations' citizens and winning the war on terror.

Under Saddam Hussein, the two would have never had the opportunity to tell their story to anyone outside of Iraq.

"It's difficult to find out what truth is," Tim Phillips, Rotary Club vice-president, said. "These people have come here today to help us understand what that truth is."

Hasoon added that her salary has taken a huge climb since United States forces have begun the liberation of the war-torn country. As a college professor, Hasoon's pay ballooned from

about \$1.50 a month to around \$500 per month.

Hasoon went on to add that there were no new books or computers at her university. She then joked about going from an "old-school" blackboard and chalk, to an up-to-date "white board" and markers.

Hasoon's light tone stopped though, when she began to talk about her children. Hasoon said this liberation will serve them more than it will her.

"My life is gone," she said. "I didn't travel. But now, I'm very

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Seniors Make Strides Against Breast Cancer'

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Staff Writer

More than 40,000 men and women nationwide will die of breast cancer this year. Statewide, 7,500 Michigan women will be diagnosed with the disease and 1,400 will die. Statistics like this prompted members of the Romulus Senior Citizens Center to do something to help fight breast cancer.

They chose to walk in the seventh annual "Making Strides Against Breast Cancer" event Oct. 16 on Belle Isle.

Seventeen senior citizens from Romulus put on their walking shoes and made their way down to the event with more than \$1,000 of sponsorship money in hand.

"This is a great event," said Linda Norman, senior coordinator for Romulus. "It is something that will at some point touch the lives of everyone."

One of the walkers, Louis Mitchell is a professional when it comes to walking in this event.

"I have done it for the last 3 years," said Mitchell. "It helps to know that you are getting up and doing something about any type of cancer."

Mitchell, a cancer survivor himself, said that talking with the other participants helps people realize that they are not alone.

"I enjoy meeting the different people down there every year," said Mitchell. "I always learn something interesting from other people who have also survived cancer."

Although the event is officially a walk for breast cancer, Mitchell said that there are always men participating.

"A lot of men walk in the event," said Mitchell. "It is good that all the men get out and walk, too."

Norman said that the reason so many men participate in the



Mary Ann Ryznar, Louis Mitchell and Linda Norman joined team Romulus Pride and participated in the Making Strides Against Breast Cancer walk at Belle Isle on Oct. 16.

walk is that breast cancer and cancer affects everybody in some way.

"Until it knocks on your doorstep, you can't understand the fear," said Norman. "But it is not just the fear from the person who has been diagnosed with cancer, it is from the family and friends of the person. They are also affected."

Norman said she didn't realize this aspect of the disease until she had a breast cancer scare of her own.

"I had a double biopsy and I went into the hospital for the procedure and didn't tell my children," said Norman. "When I got out I let them know what was going on, but they were so angry at me for not telling them before."

Norman said thankfully she did not have cancer, but the scare made her realize how terrifying the disease can be to people and their families.

"This walk draws attention to this disease," said Norman. "It shows people that they are not alone in this fight and the survivors who go and walk show people that there is always hope to overcome cancer."

More than 25 senior originally signed up to participate in the walk, up from eight last year, but only 17 made it to the walk because of the cold and rainy weather.

"The weather was terrible," said Mitchell. "I just left the bus to go turn in our sponsorship money and I was soaked when I came back."

Of the 17 that attended the event, only six were able to finish the 5-mile walk, but that isn't deterring Norman.

"I really am hoping that more and more people will join us every year," said Norman. "Hopefully next year the weather will be better."

Making Strides Against Breast Cancer has been the American Cancer Society rallying cry to raise awareness and dollars to fight breast cancer since 1993. This noncompetitive walk has quickly become the largest community event in support of breast cancer research in the United States with 400,000 people in 90 cities participated in 2003. To date, the event has generated more than \$104 million, helping to make the American Cancer Society the largest private source of funding for breast cancer research in the world.

"Cancer is not prejudiced," said Norman. "It doesn't care how old you are or what your race or gender are, these people are so supportive of each other and they are there for each other. We hope more people get involved in the walk for next year."

Annual city auction offers cars, computers

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Looking for a used car, bike or computer?

These items and many more can be found at the annual City of Romulus Auction beginning at 10 a.m. this Saturday at the new Department of Public Works yard, located at 12600 Wayne Road.

The event, which is more than 20 years old, has become a popular event in Romulus.

"We get a pretty good crowd every year," said Kristi Brewer, inspection technician for the city.

Each year more than 300 people make their way to the auction to find great deals on a slew of items.

The items for the auction come from different sources within the city itself.

"A lot of the stuff comes from the police department," she said. "Other stuff comes from city hall, the recreation department or the schools."

There will be police items, city items, DPW items and

Romulus schools items up for auction this year. The list grows each day as last minute items are collected.

Bicycles, computers, printers, mowers, trailers and the most sought after item, the cars.

This year the cars for auction will be a 1996, 2000 and 2001 Crown Victorias and a 1989 and 1992 box ambulance rescue Ford super duty truck.

Other items also available will include computer parts, printers, film projectors, fax machines, desks, pagers, cell phones, car stereos, DVD machines and movies, luggage, jewelry and safes.

The auction is a way for the city to turn items into cash. The money collected for the auctioned items is placed directly back into the department accounts.

The preview for the auction will begin at 8 a.m. Items purchased need to be paid for the day of the auction and preferably removed the same day. Lists of items to be auctioned will be available on site.

Iraq

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happy for my children. They will travel. They will do everything they want to do. So if I die, I'll be fine because of my children."

Abdulkarin said that under Hussein, no one could travel outside of Iraq without the fear of being murdered. He also said that there were no human rights or women's rights under the Iraqi dictator. He added that the health care situation was in shambles under the Ba'ath party, stating that there was no vaccination system for children, or hospital supplies.

After the two had the opportunity to speak, they fielded questions from the crowd, ranging from their thoughts on the upcoming elections in January, to the length of time U.S. forces should stay in Iraq.

Both speakers agree they want Iraq to govern itself, but they were quick to praise what the troops are doing.

"We don't want the U.S. to leave us because we don't have a strong enough front to protect us from our invaders," Hasoon said. "If we had a strong army and a strong police force, then we wouldn't need them. But now we do need them."

Abdulkarin added that with Iraq's first-ever democratic election just two months away, he has hopes that more than 80 percent of the Iraqi people will exercise their right to vote.

Both speakers said they have nothing but positive things to share when they return home. Hasoon said she hopes one day Iraq will look like the U.S. And Abdulkarin said he has hopes of one specific change to be made in his home country.

"We have a strong partner in the United States," he said.

Permits

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allowed would be 765 pounds per square inch.

The EPA said that new conditions have been added in the draft permits, including, changes to the waste analysis plan, the injection rate and pressure, the plugging plan and limitations on several kinds of hazardous waste.

These changes were made to make the permits consistent with the exemption to the federal ban on the land disposal of hazardous waste.

The EPA reviewed and responded to 118 comments made by the public in regard to the newly renewed draft permits. In response to one of those comments, the EPA said that additional computer modeling by

EDS was requested to consider a claim that the layer of underground rock confining the waste thins significantly about 45 miles to the northeast of the wells.

The additional modeling requested confirmed that the area of review was appropriate. The EPA said it is a large enough area that the pressure located beyond the area would be too low to force injected waste up into sources of drinking water through any opening, such as an old unplugged well.

The EPA said that EDS was required to show that there were no known conduits within that certain area.

The permits, a summary of responses to comments received, the index of the administrative record and other records related to the EDS wells are available to review at the Romulus Public Library, 11121 Wayne Road.

Vaccine

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In Van Buren Township, the September Days Senior Center, which usually hosts clinics for flu shots on an annual basis, has cancelled the Oct. 22 clinic. There were 300 people who signed up to receive the vaccination, according to director Linda Combs.

"We are hurting badly," said Combs. "Normally, we do about 300 shots a year, but Oakwood Health Care called to tell us that we had to cancel our clinic this time. We've been referring residents to get the shot from their doctors, other area clinics, or clinics at Farmer Jack grocery stores."

There are also some ways to help prevent the spread of the flu, said Norman.

First wash your hands after coughing or sneezing with soap and warm water or an alcohol based hand cleaner. Always remember to cover your mouth when you sneeze or cough. If you are sick stay away from others as much as possible.

According to MDCH the best way to prevent illness is to live a healthy lifestyle by exercising regularly, eating a balanced diet, drinking lots of fluids and getting plenty of rest.

Each year approximately 20 percent of the U.S. population gets the flu with an estimated 36,000 people dying from the illness.

In the State of Michigan about 1,000 deaths are reported annually from the flu, the majority of which come from the senior population.

"Ninety-percent of the deaths

caused by the flu are seniors," said Norman. "So, it is very important that the people who do receive the vaccine are those who really need it."

But good news is on the way.

On Monday, the Center for Disease Control (CDC) announced that 20 million more doses of the vaccine would be coming to the states.

For now, residents can check area clinics: The Sumpter Health Center, located at 19130 Sumpter Road in Belleville, the Wayne Health Center, the Dearborn Health Center or the Taylor Health Center.

Clinics charging \$17 a flu shot will also be at several area Farmer Jack pharmacies from now through November. For more information on clinics, dates and times, call 1-877-435-7142.

Fire Prevention Week is success in Van Buren

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Staff Writer

The Van Buren Township Fire Department wrapped up fire prevention week recently, but spreading awareness about fire prevention is an ongoing effort for the firefighters.

Fire department representatives visited several area schools, bringing along their smoke house and message about the importance of fire safety.

This year, the theme was 'road trip,' which included stops at Elwell, Edgemont, Savage, Tyler and Haggerty elementary schools along with the Head Start Program. Every first grade student learned how to prepare and react to a fire, according to Fire Chief Al Smolen.

"We encouraged the students to take the information home to their families and talk to their parents about checking smoke detectors and making an escape plan in case of a fire," he said. "Early detection is the key to eliminating the effects of a fire."

In the township alone, Smolen said that the fire department receives hundreds of calls a year about residential fires caused by cooking, candles, matches, or unsuccessful fire alarms. That's why firefighters want to educate people on how to handle those situations, and how to prevent them in the first place.

"Statistically, cooking fires are the number one cause of house fires throughout the country," he said. "We want to educate people and protect both them and their

property."

A big part of the education, he said, is about home smoke alarms.

"It's hard to overemphasize the importance of smoke detectors. It's extremely important to have one on every level of the residence, near every sleeping level. It's an inexpensive way to provide early detection," said Smolen.

According to the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA), a fire starts somewhere once every 61 seconds, on average. They emphasize testing smoke alarms because most people do not test them as often as they should, and as a result, one out of five home smoke alarms are not working.

"Whatever a battery for a smoke detector costs, you just

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Early detection is the key to eliminating the effects of a fire.

Al Smolen

increased the chances for your family," said Smolen. "You should change the battery twice a year, test them and if it doesn't work, get a new detector. It really is so easy to buy, install and maintain that there is no reason why a home should not have one."

Smolen said that by the end of fire prevention week, the program was presented to more than 800 school-aged children and more than 200 adults. He added

that just because fire prevention week is over, it does not mean that the department will stop public education efforts. The department will also continue to visit schools for career days, travel to area businesses and also area clubs such as the Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts of America.

If a fire does start, Smolen said that residents should stay low to the ground because smoke rises. Once outside, have a meeting place where everyone in the household can be accounted for and call 911. The fire department will do the rest.

"Each household should plan an escape route and practice it," he said. "Also, the more smoke detectors you have in the house that are working properly, the faster we can get out there."

District promoting new book-a-month programs for pre-schoolers

Andrea King
Staff Writer

Van Buren Public Schools is promoting literacy for children before they get to school.

Thanks to a new program, the school district may soon be able to provide families with children under the age of 5 a free book delivered to their home once a month.

Paul Henning, communications specialist for Van Buren Schools,

said that the program will be a first in the Wayne County area.

"It's a perfect opportunity to make sure that literacy gets into our area of children before they go to school," he said.

The program, sponsored by the Dollywood Foundation, enables children to receive a free book every month until their 5th birthday. Preschoolers may enter the program at any time to receive an age-appropriate book from the foundation's Imagination Library.

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It's a good program.

Paul Henning

If a family has more than one preschool-aged child, each child may participate.

"It's a good program," said Henning. "We have a list of books that the organization and the school staff has put together and

they are all excellent-age-appropriate choices for children that everyone is familiar with."

The program requires only a written form stating the child's name, age and address. Families in Belleville, Van Buren Township, and parts of Canton Township, Sumpter Township and Ypsilanti Township will be eligible to participate.

Superintendent of Schools Pete Lazaroff brought the program idea to Van Buren schools

from his past job in Bay City, according to Henning. Since the program is not implemented yet, the district hopes to fund their membership through corporate and community sponsors.

"The first year start-up cost is about \$700. After that, we are looking for donations from community businesses. We're hoping that once the program gets going, they will join in to have their name attached to a very good cause," said Henning.



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Polling place locations for Van Buren Township:

Precinct #1	Fire Station #1	130 4th St.
Precinct #2	Fire Station #2	45581 Ecorse Rd.
Precinct #3	Tyler School	42200 Tyler Rd.
Precinct #4	Belleville High Auditorium	501 W. Columbia
Precinct #5	South Middle School	45201 Owen St.
Precinct #6	Belleville High Auditorium	501 W. Columbia
Precinct #7	Van Buren Township Hall	46425 Tyler Rd.
Precinct #8	North Middle School	47097 McBride
Precinct #9	Haggerty School	13770 Haggerty Rd.

Candidates for the following offices will be voted upon:

- President and Vice President
- Representative in Congress
- State Representative
- Two Members of the State Board of Education
- Two Regents of the University of Michigan
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- Sheriff
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- Judges of the Court of Appeals Vote 2
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- Judge of Circuit Court Incumbent Position Vote 1
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STATE PROPOSALS

PROPOSAL 04-1
A PROPOSAL TO AMEND THE STATE CONSTITUTION TO REQUIRE
VOTER APPROVAL OF ANY FORM OF GAMBLING AUTHORIZED BY
LAW AND CERTAIN NEW STATE LOTTERY GAMES

The proposed constitutional amendment would:

- Require voter approval of any form of gambling authorized by law after January 1, 2004.
- Require voter approval of any new state lottery games utilizing “table games” or “player operated mechanical or electronic devices” introduced after January 1, 2004.
- Provide that when voter approval is required, both statewide voter approval and voter approval in the city or township where gambling will take place must be obtained.
- Specify that the voter approval requirement does not apply to Indian tribal gaming or gambling in up to three casinos located in the City of Detroit.

Should this proposal be adopted?
YES
NO

PROPOSAL 04-2
A PROPOSAL TO AMEND THE STATE CONSTITUTION TO SPECIFY
WHAT CAN BE RECONGIZED AS A “MARRIAGE OR SIMLAR UNION”
FOR ANY PURPOSE

The proposal would amend the state constitution to provide that “the union of one man and one woman in marriage shall be the only agreement recognized as a marriage or similar union for any purpose.”

Should this proposal be adopted?
YES
NO

Applications for Absentee Voter Ballots are available at the Clerk’s Office, Township Hall, 46425 Tyler Road, Belleville, MI 48111, 734-699-8909. Deadline for filing an application to receive an Absentee Ballot for the November 2, 2004 General Election is Saturday, October 30, 2004 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the Township Clerk’s Office.

Joannie D. Payne, CMC
Township Clerk

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CITY OF ROMULUS, MICHIGAN
NOTICE TO ELECTORS

TO THE QUALIFIED ELECTORS OF THE CITY OF ROMULUS, COUNTY OF WAYNE, STATE OF MICHIGAN:

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT a General Election will be held in the City of Romulus, County of Wayne, State of Michigan on Tuesday, November 2, 2004, from 7 o’clock in the forenoon until 8 o’clock in the evening, Eastern Standard Time, for the purpose of voting on candidates for the following offices:

- President and Vice President
- Representative in Congress
- State Representative
- State Board of Education Vote 2
- University of Michigan Regent Vote 2
- Wayne State University Governor Vote 2
- Prosecuting Attorney
- Sheriff
- County Clerk
- County Treasurer
- Register of Deeds
- County Commissioner
- Justice of the Supreme Court Vote 2
- Judges of the Court of Appeals Vote 2
- Judges of the Circuit Court Vote 21
- Judges of the Circuit Court - Non-Incumbent Position Vote 1
- Judges of the Circuit Court - Incumbent Position Vote 1
- Judge of the Circuit Court - Incumbent Position - Vote 2
- Judges of Probate Court - Vote 2
- Judge of District Court -34th. District, Vote 1

and, the following proposals:

STATE PROPOSALS

PROPOSAL 04-1
A PROPOSAL TO AMEND THE STATE CONSTITUTION TO REQUIRE
VOTER APPROVAL OF ANY FORM OF GAMBLING AUTHORIZED BY
LAW AND CERTAIN NEW STATE LOTTERY GAMES

The proposed constitutional amendment would:

- Require voter approval of any form of gambling authorized by law after January 1, 2004.
- Require voter approval of any new state lottery games utilizing “table games” or “player operated mechanical or electronic devices” introduced after January 1, 2004.
- Provide that when voter approval is required, both statewide voter approval and voter approval in the city or township where gambling will take place must be obtained.
- Specify that the voter approval requirement does not apply to Indian tribal gaming or gambling in up to three casinos located in City of Detroit.

Should this proposal be adopted?
Yes
No

PROPOSAL 04-2
A PROPOSAL TO AMEND THE STATE CONSTITUTION TO SPECIFY
WHAT CAN BE RECOGNIZED AS A “MARRIAGE OR SIMILAR UNION”
FOR ANY PURPOSE.

The proposal would amend the state constitution to provide that “the union of one man and one woman in marriage shall be the only agreement recognized as a marriage or similar union for any purpose”

Should this proposal be adopted?
Yes
No

Each person voting on the above must be:

- A) A citizen of the United States of America
- B) A registered Elector of the City of Romulus
- C) Eighteen (18) years of age or older.

The Polling Places will be open for voting from 7:00 a.m., to 8:00 p.m. at the following locations:

- 1. Wick Elementary School, 36900 Wick Road, Romulus, MI
- 2. Halecreek School, 16200 Harrison Road, Romulus, MI
- 3. Romulus Elementary School, 32200 Beverly Road, Romulus, MI
- 4. Merriman Elementary School, 15303 Merriman Road, Romulus, MI
- 5. Romulus City Hall, 11111 Wayne Road, Romulus, MI
- 6. Rudgate Community Building, 7040 Shawnee Dr., Romulus, MI
- 7. Mt. Pleasant School, 39000 Superior Road, Romulus, MI
- 8. Romulus Elementary School, 32200 Beverly Road, Romulus, MI
- 9. Fire Station #2, 7221 Middlebelt, Romulus, MI
- 10. Cory School, 35200 Smith Road, Romulus, MI
- 11. Mt. Pleasant School, 39000 Wick Road, Romulus, MI
- 12. Merriman Elementary School, 15303 Merriman road, Romulus, MI
- 13. Romulus city Hall, 11111 Wayne Road, Romulus, MI
- 14. Wick Elementary School, 36900 Wick Road, Romulus, MI
- 15. Fire Station #2, 7221 Middlebelt Road, Romulus, MI
- 16. Halecreek Elementary School, 16200 Harrison Road, Romulus, MI
- 17. Cory Elementary School, 35200 Smith Road, Romulus, MI
- 18. Romulus City Hall, 11111 Wayne Road, Romulus, MI

Public Notice is hereby given as provided for in Section 168.653 of the Michigan Election Law, as amended.

Linda R. Choate, CMC
City Clerk

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Learning center planned to aid area employees

Scott Spielman
Editor

Officials expect to break ground next week on a Family Service and Learning Center that will cater to the needs of employees of the Ford Motor Co., the local United Auto Workers and the Visteon workforce.

The family center will be constructed near the corner of Venoy and Annapolis roads in the City of Wayne, according to City Planner Matt Miller.

"It's going to be almost a community center for employees and retirees from the Wayne Ford plants," he said.

The family centers are designed to provide benefits to

local Ford employees, according to David Summers, a spokesperson for the project. They offer services as varied as tax planning, fraud prevention seminars, immunization fairs, self-defense classes, travel assistance and more. There will be a lending library on site and a kitchen, too, Miller said, along with community rooms that can be rented out and that will host several different types of activities.

"A key goal for all family councils is to enrich and build upon existing community programs, making them more accessible to a wider audience of UAW, Ford and Visteon families," Summers said.

The 9,600-square-foot struc-

ture is scaled back from the original plan, which included about 25,000-square feet in two separate buildings. Miller said that's because the demographics at the plants have changed, and the designers have eliminated the day care component of the plan. A majority of the people working at the Ford plants in Wayne have more than 20 years seniority with the company.

"People that have been working that long usually don't have children requiring care," Miller said. "They received some interest in it, but not enough to fill a building."

The facility is designed so that it can be expanded at a later date, when the demographics

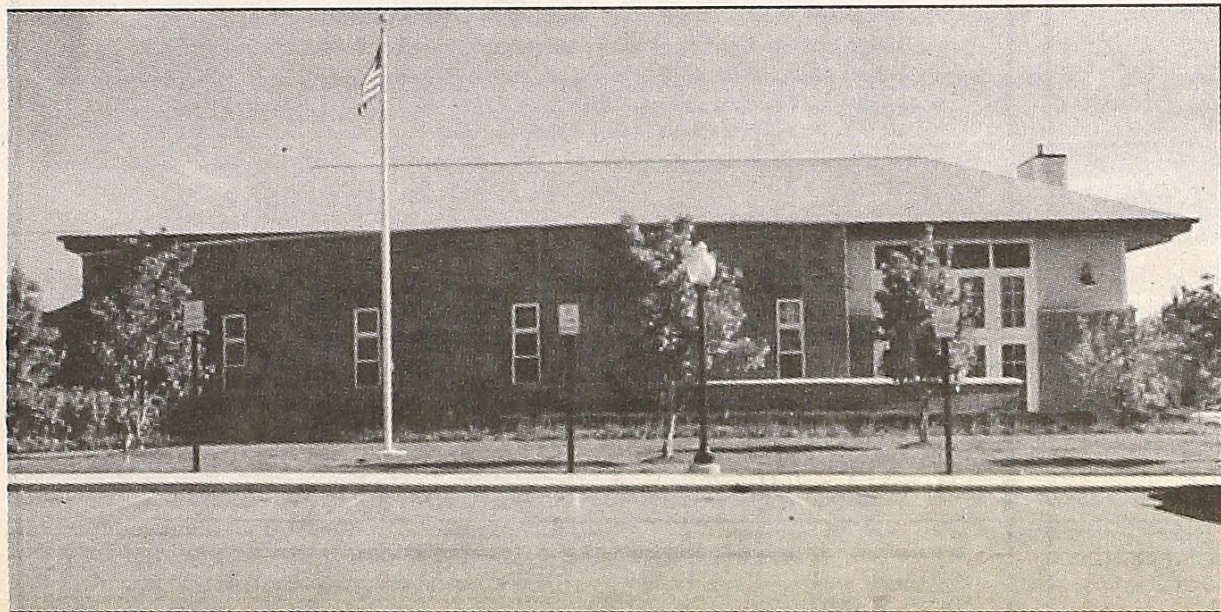
change again at the plants. There's plenty of space on the site, as well.

Miller said the project will be a good fit for the site, which is near Annapolis Oakwood Hospital. Architectural plans show an attractive, one-story building.

"Everything is being built top notch," he said. "When they do things, they tend to do it right."

And quickly. The plan was approved by the Wayne Planning Commission last Tuesday and by the Wayne City Council Tuesday night. Miller said he expected contractors to pull permits this week, as officials have announced a ground breaking ceremony for 10 a.m. on Monday. He said they wanted to get to work right away.

"They want to get the footings and the foundation in before the freeze," Miller said. "That's the goal."



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OBITUARIES

MILLER, Nelda Lucille

Nelda Lucille Miller, 89, of Canton Township, formerly of Belleville, died Oct. 10.

Among her survivors are her son, Tim (Robin) Miller of Manitou Beach, a grandson, Steve Miller of Belleville and a great grandson, Jaydon Miller.

Mrs. Miller was a member of Emmanuel Baptist Church in Belleville.

Funeral services were at the David C. Brown Funeral Home with the Rev. James B. Jones officiating.

Interment was at Union-Udell Cemetery in Ypsilanti Township.

GUILSTORF, Velma May

Velma May Guilstorf, 93, a lifelong resident of Belleville, died Oct. 9.

Among her survivors are her sons, Thomas (Beth) Guilstorf of Shelby Township and Robert (Connie) Peterson of Belleville; a brother, Forrest (Wanda) Shirley; grandsons, Kyle (Appy) Wiles, Fred (Deborah) Peterson and Paul (Linda) Petersons, and great-grandchildren, Brandon Wiles, Daniel Peterson and Sandra Peterson.

Mrs. Guilstorf was a member of Trinity Episcopal Church in Belleville where Father John R. Hagen officiated at a memorial service for her.

Interment was at Hillside Cemetery in Belleville.

MARSTON, Mavis

Mavis Marston, 81, of Ypsilanti, formerly of Sandusky, died Oct. 5.

Among her survivors are her husband of 42 years, Thomas Marston; her daughter, Cheryl (James) Guissey of Gregory; siblings, Denny, Jean, Jay and Lois; grandchildren, Laura Turnquist, Charles Overmyer, Robert (Tonya) Overmyer, Robin Sigfried, Debbie (John) Ramagli and Michael Ally, and seven great-grand-

children.

Memorial services were at the David C. Brown Funeral Home with the Rev. Tom Burdette officiating

KING, Irene Martha

Irene Martha King, 77, of Sumpter Township, died Oct. 11.

Among her survivors are her children, Kathleen E. (Gary) Wirts of Belleville, Karl T. (Ruby) King of Willis, Alexander T. (Cynthia) King of Scottsville, KY and Kenneth W. King of Belleville; a brother, Ernest (Ellen) Krushlin of Belleville; a sister, Frances (James) Bullard of Westland; 11 grandchildren, and 15 great-grandchildren.

Mrs. King was a member of St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church in New Boston.

Funeral services were at the David C. Brown Funeral Home with the Rev. Fred Mayes officiating.

Interment was at Knollwood Memorial Park in Canton Township.

CARNAHAN, Kurt Edward

Kurt Edward Carnahan, 49, a lifelong resident of Van Buren Township, died Oct. 12.

Among his survivors are his wife, Donna Sue (Wiley) Carnahan; sons, Kurt Edward Carnahan, Jr and John Paul Carnahan, both of Belleville; a stepson, Jeremy Towler of Ann Arbor; his parents, Kenneth Buron and Shirley Joyce (Porzondek) Carnahan of Belleville; siblings, Perry Carnahan and Pamela (John) Teporek of Belleville and Kevin (Heidi) Carnahan of Birch Run; a niece; three nephews, and his step-grandmother, Virginia Carnahan of Belleville.

Mr. Carnahan was a member of St. Anthony Catholic Church in Belleville where Father Thomas H. Cusick officiated at funeral services for him.

Interment was at Hillside Cemetery in Belleville.

Arrangements were entrusted to the David C. Brown Funeral Home in Belleville.

HARTMAN, Shelby "Jean"

Shelby "Jean" Hartman, 65, of Belleville, died Oct. 15.

Among her survivors are her children, Karen Hartman of Grass Lake, Lyndon Hartman of Belleville and Cathy (Michael) Swain of Romulus; a son-in-law, Jerry Moore of Belleville; a brother, Blaine (Loretta) Gregg of Kentucky; sisters, Cora(Howard) Rowland of Taylor, Clydie

Sturgill of South Carolina, Wanda Hill o Allen Park and Elizabeth (Bill Hashberger of Tennessee; eight grandchildren, and a great-grandson.

Funeral services were at the David C. Brown Funeral Home with the Rev. John H. Cox officiating.

Interment was at Michigan Memorial Park in Flat Rock.

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NOTICE CITY OF ROMULUS NOTICE OF PUBLIC ACCURACY TEST

Pursuant to and by authority conferred upon me by the Secretary of State by Section 794C of Act No. 116 of the Public Act of 1954, as amended, notice is hereby given that a Public Accuracy Test shall be conducted by the Election Commission of the City of Romulus at 3:00 p.m. Wednesday, October 27, 2004 in the City Clerk's Office, 11111 South Wayne Road, for the purpose of certifying the programs to be used in the counting devices which will be utilized to process Absentee Ballots in the November 2, 2004 General Election. Said Meeting is open to the public and any concerned citizen may attend.

Linda R. Choate, CMC City Clerk

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CITY OF ROMULUS REQUEST TO RECEIVE BIDS BID 04/05-15 PREMIUM SIDEWALK SNOW AND ICE MELTER

The City of Romulus, Michigan is seeking bid from suppliers of chemicals to be used for the removal of snow and ice from the walkways of all City buildings for the 2004/2005 snow season.

(1) Qualified individuals and firms wishing to submit bids or proposals must do so on forms provided by the City. Bid forms and specifications may be obtained from Lynn A. Conway, Purchasing Coordinator, 11111 Wayne Road, Romulus, Michigan, by calling (734) 955-4568 or by Emailing: lconway@ci.romulus.mi.us

(2) Bids must be submitted in sealed envelopes and returned to the City Clerk's Office no later than 2:00 p.m., Tuesday, October 26, 2004. At that time said bids would be publicly opened and read.

BID ENVELOPES MUST BE ADDRESSED:

CITY OF ROMULUS CLERK'S OFFICE BID 04/05-15 PREMIUM SIDEWALK SNOW AND ICE MELTER 11111 Wayne Road, Romulus, Michigan

(3) The right is reserved to reject any and all bids and proposals and to waive technicalities.

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CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF VAN BUREN NOTICE OF PUBLIC ACCURACY TEST

In compliance with State Election Law 168 Section 798, a Public Hearing will be conducted on Wednesday October 27, 2004 at 10:00 p.m. in the Township Hall, 46425 Tyler Road, Belleville, Michigan for the purpose of certifying the program to be used in the counting device which will be utilized to process voter ballots in the Tuesday, November 2, 2004 General Election. Said meeting is open to the public and any concerned citizens may attend.

The Charter Township of Van Buren will provide, in accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, reasonable accommodations with advance notice to the Clerk's Office, 734.699.8909.

Joannie D. Payne, CMC Township Clerk

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National Strawberry Festival committee names officers, seeks director

The Belleville National Strawberry Festival board of directors has begun to prepare for the 2005 festival.

At the Sept. 30 board meeting, the new board of directors was elected—Terry Kay of the Holiday Inn Express as president, Diane Shew of the Belleville Presbyterian Church as vice-president, Janet Millard of the Belleville Area Chamber of

Commerce as vice-president, Speed Gant as treasurer and Sharon Pokerwinski of the Michigan Institute of Aeronautics as recording secretary.

Other board members include: Virg Stoltz from the Trinity Episcopal Church in Belleville, Richard Pokerwinski from the St. Anthony Parish in Belleville, Steve and Anna Cinnamon of Cinnamon Auto Parts in

Belleville and Diane Wilson from the Central Business Community.

Ralph Nodwell announced his resignation. Board members voted to begin looking for a new executive director.

Nodwell has been involved with the festival for 8 years and has contributed in many ways to making the festival a great event in Belleville, board members said. The board thanked Nodwell

for all his contributions to the community.

The board is looking for an executive director who can be very aggressive and motivated to promote the festival.

The director will report to the board of directors and is responsible for the overall success of the festival.

A bachelors degree in business administration, marketing, or

related fields is preferred. Preference will be given to previous experience. Salary will be based on experience.

Interested individuals should send a letter of introduction, a resume and any related information to: the Belleville National Strawberry Festival, 248 Main St., Belleville, MI 48111, or email strawberryfestival@msn.com, or fax 734-697-3139.

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE ROMULUS CITY COUNCIL HELD OCTOBER 4, 2004 IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER ROMULUS CITY HALL, 11111 S. WAYNE ROAD, ROMULUS, MICHIGAN 48174.

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. by Mayor Pro Tem Randolph Gear. Present: LeRoy Burcroff, William Crova, Randolph Gear, Michael Prybyla, Debbie Romak, William Wadsworth. Absent and/or Excused: None. Administrative Officials in Attendance: Alan Lambert, Mayor Linda R. Choate, CMC, Clerk Pamela Morrison Kersey, CMFA, Treasurer

1. Motion by Wadsworth, supported by Crova to approve the agenda as amended.*

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Burcroff, Crova, Gear, Prybyla, Romak, Wadsworth. Nays - None. Motion Carried Unanimously.

04-409

1a1. Motion by Wadsworth, supported by Burcroff that based Resolution 04-395, a resolution which acknowledged the resignation of Councilman Charles R. Miller, and pursuant to the letter of resignation which he filed with the City Clerk on September 13, 2004, and the City Attorneys legal opinion dated September 16, 2004 and September 30, 2004, that a vacancy does now exist on City Council.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Burcroff, Crova, Gear, Wadsworth. Nays - Romak, Prybyla. Motion Carried.

04-410

1a2. Motion by Crova, supported by Romak, pursuant to Article 4, Section 4.5 of the Romulus City Charter, that the vacancy in the elective office of City Council be filled by the appointment of Charles R. Miller, for the unexpired term created by his resignation, term to expire November 2005.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Burcroff, Crova, Gear, Prybyla, Romak, Wadsworth. Nays - None. Motion Carried Unanimously.

Charles R. Miller was administered the official Oath of Office whereupon he took his seat with the other Council Members.

1b. At 8:30 p.m. a Public Hearing having been rescheduled from earlier in the evening was held to consider the transfer of an Industrial Facilities Tax Exemption Certificate from Omega Industries to Aerostar Manufacturing, 28275 Northline Road, Romulus, MI 48174.

04-411

2. Motion by Wadsworth, supported by Burcroff to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of the Romulus City Council held September 27, 2004, referencing resolution 04-400 to include a communication thanking Barry Baumann for serving on the Romulus Building Authority.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Burcroff, Crova, Gear, Prybyla, Romak, Wadsworth. Nays - None. Abstain - Miller. Motion Carried.

04-412

3A. Motion by Crova, supported by Prybyla to transfer an Industrial Facilities Tax Exemption Certificate number 00-697, from Omega Industries to Aerostar Manufacturing, 28275 Northline Road. Said Certificate will expire on December 30, 2008.

Roll Call Vote Showing: - Burcroff, Crova, Gear, Miller, Prybyla, Romak, Wadsworth. Nays - None. Motion Carried Unanimously.

04-413

4A. Motion by Burcroff, supported by Romak to adopt a memorial resolution for the family of Jerry Sirhan.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Burcroff, Crova, Gear, Miller, Prybyla, Romak, Wadsworth. Nays - None. Motion Carried Unanimously.

4. Motion by Romak, supported by Crova to accept the Chairmans' Report.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Burcroff, Crova, Gear, Miller, Prybyla, Romak, Wadsworth. Nays - None.

Motion Carried Unanimously.

04-414

5A. Motion by Burcroff, supported by Wadsworth to introduce Budget Amendment 04/05-07 to transfer the budgeted balance in FY 04/05 for the sidewalk maintenance program from the Building Department to the Department of Public Works.

FUND/DEPT. ACCOUNT NO.	ACCOUNT NAME	CURRENT BUDGET	AMENDMENT	AMENED BUDGET
General Fund Expenditures				
101-3910-739.74-83	Building-Sidewalk Maint.	39,000	0	(39,000)
1014110-741.74-83	D.P.W.-Sidewalk Maint.	0	39,000	39,000

To transfer the budgeted balance in FY04/05 for the sidewalk maintenance program from the Building Department to the Department of Public Works.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Burcroff, Crova, Gear, Miller, Prybyla, Romak, Wadsworth. Nays - None. Motion Carried Unanimously.

04-415

5B. Motion by Wadsworth, supported by Crova to re-appoint Debra Hoffman, Linda Norman, Ellen Bragg, and Maria Lambert and the appointment of Susan Hurt and Lynn Conway to the Romulus Arts council with terms expiring November 5, 2005.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Burcroff, Crova, Gear, Miller, Prybyla, Romak, Wadsworth. Nays - None. Motion Carried Unanimously.

04-416

5C. Motion by Crova, supported by Prybyla to authorize payment of the citys 2004/2005 annual membership dues to the Downriver Community Conference in the amount of \$4,750.00 and the Downriver Mutual Aid in the amount of \$15,277.51.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Burcroff, Crova, Gear, Miller, Prybyla, Romak, Wadsworth. Nays - None. Motion Carried Unanimously.

04-417

6A1. Motion by Burcroff, supported by Romak to adopt second reading and final adoption of Budget Amendments 04/05-3, 4, 5, and 6, introduced at the meeting held September 27, 2004.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Burcroff, Crova, Gear, Miller, Prybyla, Romak, Wadsworth. Nays - None. Motion Carried Unanimously.

04-418

6A2. Motion by Wadsworth, supported by Crova to approve second reading and final adoption of an Amendment to Chapter 7, Article VII, an Ordinance approving the Amended and Restated Development Plan and Tax Increment Financing Plan for the Romulus Downtown Development Authority, (the 2004 Plan).

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Burcroff, Crova, Gear, Miller, Prybyla, Romak, Wadsworth. Nays - None. Motion Carried Unanimously.

11. Motion by Wadsworth, supported by Romak to adjourn the regular meeting of the Romulus City Council.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Burcroff, Crova, Gear, Miller, Prybyla, Romak, Wadsworth. Nays - None. Motion Carried Unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda R. Choate, CMC
City Clerk

I, Linda R. Choate, Clerk for the City of Romulus, Michigan do hereby certify the foregoing to be a true copy of the minutes of the regular meeting of the Romulus City Council held October 4, 2004.

Linda R. Choate, CMC
City Clerk

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OPINION

Our vote goes to...

The elected boards in Plymouth Township and Canton Township will have a new look, feature new voices for the next 4 years.

That's because in both communities, long-time members of the board have stepped down, sought new roles, or both.

In Plymouth Township, where there will be a new supervisor, there is also a vacant seat, left open when long-time trustee Ron Griffith resigned and moved away. It has been capably filled by Dan Herriman since then, but Herriman is not seeking to fill the seat for a full term.

There are six candidates left after the August Republican primary to fill the four trustee spots on the board. They are Republican incumbents Kay Arnold and Charles Curmi, Steven Mann, the current township supervisor who is stepping down to seek a part-time role on the board, Robert Doroshewitz, also a Republican, along with Democrat Mark Christianson and independent Paul Schulz.

Of the six, we like **Arnold, Curmi, Mann and Doroshewitz** for the spots.

Mann has served the township well in his 4 years as supervisor. Many plans that had long been discussed in the township – and new municipal facility, a downtown development authority (DDA) to help revitalize Ann Arbor Road – have come to fruition under his leadership. He's shown that he can capably guide the township in the right direction, and that perspective will come in handy as the township board fleshes out the details of those two important initiatives. Mann also sought and earned a legal degree during off time and on weekends, and that legal perspective will be a benefit to the board, too.

Arnold is another obvious choice. She has served the township well both as a trustee and as a member of the planning commission. She always acts in the best interests of the residents and the long-term vision of the township, and that is exactly what you look for in a local elected official. She's also not afraid to ask questions, another positive.

Like Arnold, Curmi has served 12 years on the board of trustees. Not always popular, he can come across as abrasive, but we think that's because he's not afraid to push and push until he's certain he's making the right decision. He's most likely to question the administration, because he sees himself as being responsible to the residents and their concerns. We don't think they could have a better advocate.

We didn't endorse Doroshewitz during the August primary, preferring instead the more experienced Dennis Cebulski, chair of the planning commission. Doroshewitz, is a solid choice for the fourth trustee spot, however. He'll provide insight from a business, legal and technological background, all of which are benefits for a local elected board. We also like his commitment to expanding parks and recreation within the township. With the experience of Arnold, Mann, Curmi and the other elected board members, it's an ideal time for someone to learn the ropes of local politics.

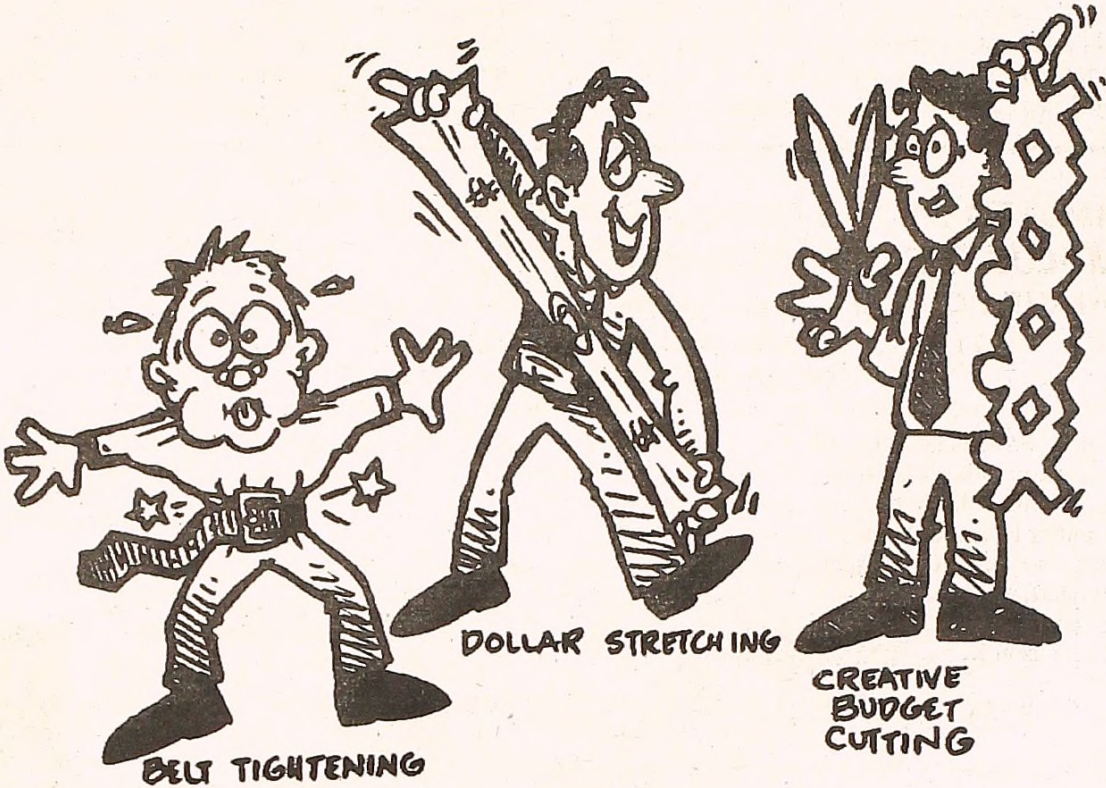
In Canton Township, there are six candidates seeking four open trustee spots, with long-time board member Bob Shefferly stepping down. Four are Republicans – incumbents Melissa McLaughlin and Karl Zarbo, along with newcomers Todd LaJoy and Todd Caccamo – and two are Democrats, Bill Rice and Godfrey Aguwa.

It's obvious that there will be a new face on the board, and we'd like to see some diversity, too. That's why we endorse McLaughlin, Zarbo, LaJoy and Rice for the spots.

McLaughlin is a clear, easy choice. A resident of the township for 42 years, she's involved with virtually every aspect of it. She's been on the Historic District Commission for 20 years, the Downtown Development Authority (DDA) board for almost 10, the planning commission for 13 years as on the board of trustees for 12. She also

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THE MUNICIPAL ACCOUNTING OLYMPICS



A sticky bit of city nostalgia

My first memory of Wayne is from the State Wayne Theater.

I went there as a teenager with a group of friends for a birthday party, and I don't remember much about it, only that we saw the movie *Condorman* and stuck around for a showing of *Airplane* without paying for the second movie. No one cared.

The theater has had its difficulties through the years, but is making quite a comeback, and that's why I was glad to see the effort to renovate and polish up the inside.

It's a unique feature for the community, an independent second-run movie house. There are fewer and fewer of them around; the Terrace Theater in Livonia is no more, neither is the Penniman Theater in downtown Plymouth. The fact that Wayne owns it, made the investment because of what the theater had meant – and could again mean – to downtown makes it even more unique.

And it's clear that work is

needed at the theater, too. The city hasn't done much to it other than routine maintenance, and that maintenance has lately taken a step from routine to 'emergency.'

I went there Saturday night, actually, and saw the need for the improvements again, in the still-glowing half-light of the old gem. I had plenty of time to look around and take in my surroundings because the movie my wife and I picked – *The Village* – was probably the worst movie I had even seen in my long history of movie-going. OK, maybe it wasn't that bad, but it wasn't good.

Anyway, the most entertaining part of the experience, for me, was listening to the sound my shoes made as I sporadically peeled them from a floor sticky with decades of spilled pop and crushed jujubes. I tried to imitate the more famous drum solos in classic rock 'n' roll through the rhythmic, squelching movements of my feet, much to the annoyance of those sitting nearby.

It probably didn't help that I

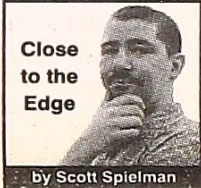
was giggling like a school-girl, either.

Some may question why the city is even in the business of operating a movie theater in the first place. It's still not in a position to earn money, although it is getting closer and closer to the black ink.

I see it, though, as an important part of the community. It's something that Wayne has that very few communities do. Promoted properly, it could help bolster the business community. Once it is cleaned up and brought up to date, I'd like to see an attempt to attract crowds to the city – it could be used to host film festivals as varied as the Three Stooges, to art films. I think there would always be a crowd of people willing to see the classics back on the big screen.

The theater deserves its spot in the city landscape, and it deserves its near-emergency makeover. Let's keep it around.

Now, about those sticky floors...



Close to the Edge

by Scott Spielman

Don't get caught in late night eating trap

All of us face the temptation of late night eating. It's late, the TV's on, and you find yourself munching on something. Before you know it, you've eaten too many chips or cookies.

When I'd talk to big league umpires, they'd tell me that their biggest temptation was going out after games, having a drink or two, and eating a big meal. They knew it wasn't good for them, but it was awfully hard for them to avoid.

The truth of the matter is that when you're eating late, you're probably adding extra calories

that you don't need. And that means you'll gain weight.

Next time you're hungry at night, try to hold off eating until the morning. If you can't wait, try eating a low-calorie snack like a piece of fruit. That way, when you're hungry in the morning, you can have a big healthy breakfast to get you going – and you'll have the whole day to burn it off.

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has strong ties to the state government, having worked for State Sen. Bruce Patterson (R-Canton) in the past.

Zarbo is a relative newcomer, at least to the board of trustees. He was appointed after State Rep. Phil LaJoy was elected to Lansing 2 years ago. He has a solid background with community service, though, as a member of the planning commission for nearly a decade. He's also on the Ford Road Task Force, a group that will benefit from his perspective. Zarbo's pro-business stance and dedication to improving infrastructure and traffic flow will be a positive in the years to come.

This will be LaJoy's first foray into local politics. He's long been active in the community in volunteer roles, though, and through the Canton Chamber of Commerce, of which he is the president. He'll give the board a young voice, as well as another strong tie to Lansing, as his father will likely be re-elected.

The board of trustees has long been representative of the strongly republican township, but things are changing. There are people that subscribe to different political beliefs, and they need a voice,

too. While it's a bit ridiculous to talk about party politics at a level as local as a township board – those serving on it should reflect the best interests of the community as a whole – we'd still like to see a democrat among the next batch of trustees. Of the two, we like Rice better. A resident for 20 years, he's got a strong union background. He's also involved in several community groups, sits on the board of directors for the Plymouth Symphony Orchestra and is an active member of the Plymouth-Canton Band Boosters. Anyone familiar with that organization knows they know a great deal about raising funds, and lobbying for additional help. Like in Plymouth Township, the built in experience on the Canton Board of Trustees sets the stage for a newcomer to test out the political waters. Rice is the best guy to do that. Trust us, the township will survive having a democrat behind the dais.

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Escape of prisoner prompts procedural change

Molly Tippen
Staff Writer

A man believed to be responsible for two robberies in Inkster escaped from the Inkster jail while in the custody of the Wayne County Sheriff's Department Wednesday afternoon.

Rahman Gillespie had appeared in court for his preliminary examination early Wednesday at the 22nd District Court in Inkster for the armed robbery of the Little Caesars restaurant on Henry Ruff Road. Police said the 28-year-old asked deputies if he could use the restroom before getting into a van destined for the Wayne County Jail.

But after Gillespie used the restroom, he fled through an open

door in the port of the station, which was left open. He was last seen running down Michigan Avenue, said Inkster Det. Anthony Abdallah.

"They were on their way to taking him into custody when he escaped. I think the sheriff is writing up a warrant for escape for him right now," he said. "He has family in Inkster, a girlfriend in Romulus, and we checked all of those places . . . We have no idea where he is."

Gillespie was charged with robbing the restaurant on Oct. 3. Unable to make the \$50,000 bond, he was remanded to the Wayne County Jail until his preliminary examination Wednesday, when he returned to the 22nd District Court.

Gillespie's escape has members

of the Inkster Police and the Wayne County Sheriff's Department wondering out loud about which agency is responsible for the prisoner's flight.

Abdallah surmises that Gillespie escaped easily because the door at the Inkster Police station was open while the sheriff was moving prisoners through the door into a van.

"But they didn't pull the van close enough to the door, and he ran right past (a sheriff)."

Typically, deputies will pull into the port and close the door behind them, a step that did not occur during this prisoner pickup, the videotape shows.

John Roach, a spokesman for the Wayne County Sheriff's Department, said the Inkster police are somewhat responsible.

"We've had an opportunity to review the tapes (of Gillespie's escape), and we feel he was never officially turned over to the sheriff," said Roach. "An Inkster police civilian employee took the handcuffs off, and allowed him to use the bathroom. When he came out, the employee did not escort him back to us, she just pointed him in the right direction."

The videotape shows Gillespie walking calmly past the deputy with an identification bracelet from the sheriff's department on his wrist. And all of the paperwork required to turn a prisoner back to the sheriff's department was provided to deputies, Hill said.

"Once a prisoner is bonded (in court), they are in the custody of the sheriff's department; we really just assisting them from that

point," he said.

However, the Inkster Police Department has instituted a new policy that specifies that an Inkster officer will accompany all prisoners during transfers. "There are some things we could have done differently, and we have a new policy in place," Hill said.

Gillespie will likely face felony fleeing and eluding charges, which is punishable by up to 10 years behind bars.

Gillespie is described as about 6-feet, 1-inch tall with a medium build. Hill said he is considered to be armed and dangerous. Anyone with information is advised not to approach Gillespie and immediately call Inkster police at (313) 563-9850. To leave an anonymous tip, call Crimestoppers at (800) SPEAK-UP.

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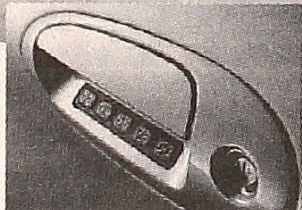
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THE SCENE

Ribald humor misses the mark

Team America: World Police is probably the most ridiculous and politically incorrect film to ever grace the silver screen. Nonetheless, audiences won't be able to refrain from chuckling at the blatant political lampoon from *South Park* creators Trey Parker and Matt Stone.

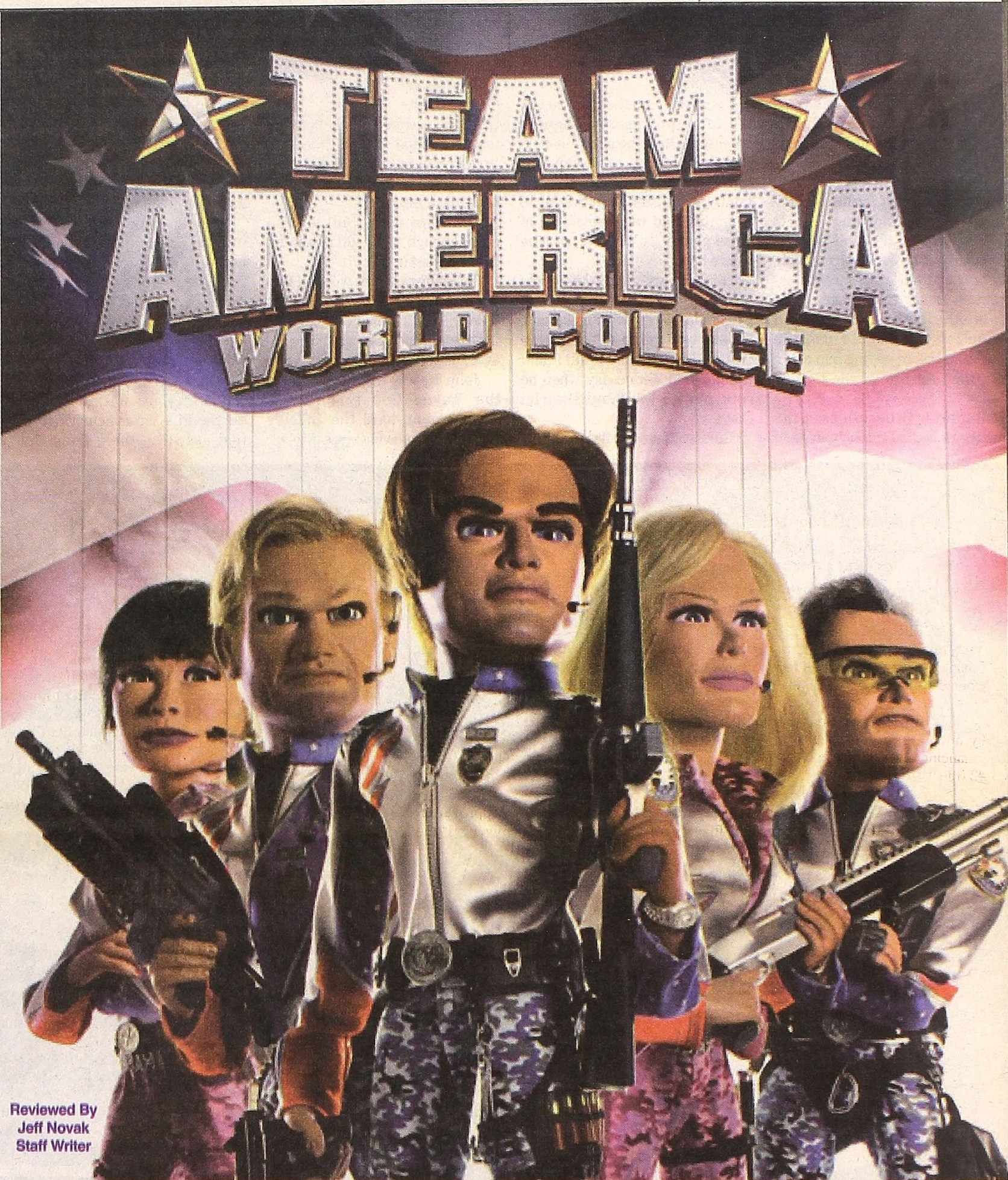
Parker and Stone usually use the unintelligible banter of their cartoon youngsters in their cult cartoon hit *South Park* to make fans chuckle. This time, however, they use the bumbling movements and foul mouths of puppets to direct their socially improper humor at the masses.

Although Stone and Parker try to convey their personal take on current events with *Team America*, it is obvious the real motive of the creators is to see how many times, with how many different voices and in how many ludicrous situations, they can use the F-word and still make it funny. Unfortunately it works most of the time – there's just something about a Kim Jung Il puppet with an Eric Cartman-like voice using phrases that would make Andrew Dice Clay blush.

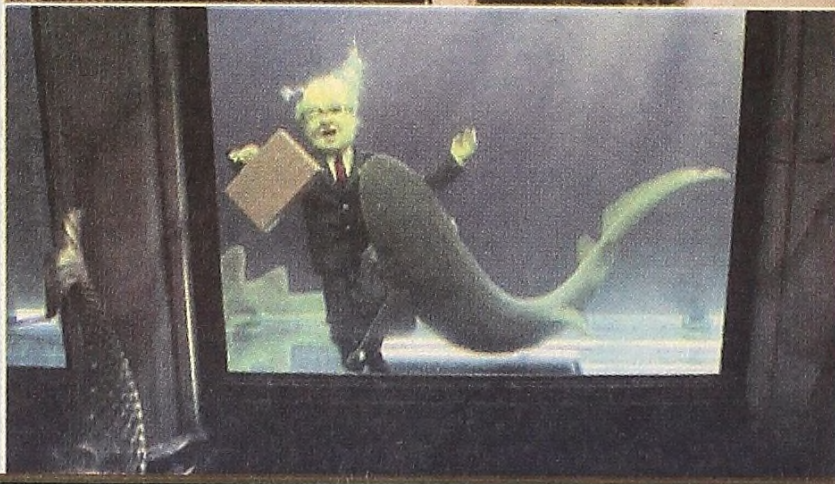
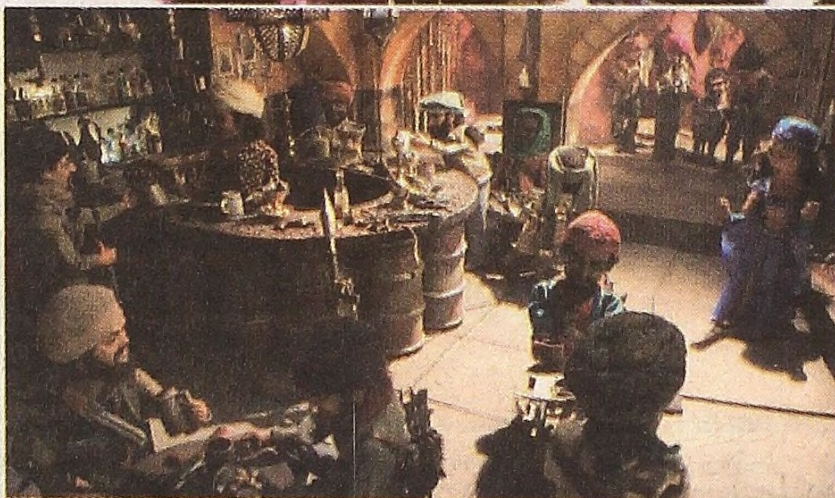
The humor became tiresome after a while, but the creators do have a theme and a message as the attempt to debunk America's position in the current war on terror. The movie begins with *Team America* en route to Paris to stop a small band of terrorists. Once they arrive, they destroy most of the city, including the Eiffel Tower and the Louvre – wreaking more havoc as they try to save the city than any terrorists would have accomplished had their evil plans succeeded. I think they proved their point.

They also create a marionette of Michael Moore, which is a funny-enough concept, and depict him as an overeating, *Team America*-hating suicide bomber that destroys Mount Rushmore that doubles as *Team America*'s headquarters.

But the characters are too preposterous and the



Reviewed By
Jeff Novak
Staff Writer



Movie

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story is too absurd to lend any credibility to the underlying charges that America is considered a bully around the world. I think most Americans who see the film will miss the point – because it is covered up by bad jokes, too much swearing and cheap puppet sex.

The controversial ‘love scene’ was all that – cheap – and more. It was rumored that *Team America* actually received an NC-17 rating but scenes were cut to allow the now R rating. But director Parker left noting to the imagination. And all I can say is it will be interesting to see which outtakes make it onto the DVD when it’s released (I can’t believe I said that).

The storyline is fun – even more so if you don’t have an opinion on current events and the war in the Middle East.

Team America is an international police force set on maintaining global

stability. Led by Spottswode, the team enlists the acting abilities of Broadway actor Gary Johnston to help infiltrate a terrorist network. With other members Chris, Sarah, Lisa and Joe, Gary discovers that the terrorists’ plot to destroy the world is already set in motion. After destroying most of Egypt, Team America disbands a sector of terrorists and feels they have saved the world. They don’t realize until too late that power-hungry dictator Kim Jung Il has a plan to destroy all of the major cities in the world.

With all of the members of *Team America* captured, it is up to Gary to save the world from Kim Jung Il and his alliance with the Film Actors’ Guild (imagine the fun Parker and Stone had with that acronym). The guild consists of extreme liberals such as Tim Robbins, Susan Sarandon, Matt Damon, Samuel L. Jackson and George Clooney led by Alec Baldwin, “the greatest actor in the world,” according to Gary.

I’m ashamed to say that I actually laughed aloud several times but to be honest, I just couldn’t help it. I’m not sure



if the scenes were that funny or if I was laughing because I couldn’t believe what I was seeing and hearing.

Although the *South Park* creators are responsible for some of the most innovative entertainment in pop culture, they will have to prove to America that this is not the wrong movie at the wrong time.

CHAPTER 7, ARTICLE VII

ORDINANCE APPROVING AMENDED AND RESTATED DEVELOPMENT PLAN AND TAX INCREMENT FINANCING PLAN FOR THE ROMULUS DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY

WHEREAS, the Romulus Downtown Development Authority (the “Authority”) has previously prepared and approved a Development Plan and Tax Increment Financing Plan (the “1989 Plan”), which was approved by the City Council (the “City Council”) of the City of Romulus (the “City”) on December 27, 1989; and

WHEREAS, on September 24, 1990 the City Council amended the 1989 Plan by adopting an ordinance (the “1990 Ordinance”) approving the Tax Increment Financing and Development Plan for Development Area # 1 and Development Area #2 (the “1990 Plan”); and

WHEREAS, the Authority has prepared and recommended for approval an Amended and Restated Development Plan and Tax Increment Financing Plan (the “Amended and Restated Plan”) to amend the 1990 Plan; and

WHEREAS, the City Council held a public hearing on September 27, 2004 on the Amended and Restated Plan for the Authority’s Development Area in the Downtown District pursuant to. Act 197, Public Acts of Michigan, 1975, as amended (the “Act”); and

WHEREAS, the City Council has given the taxing jurisdictions in which the Development Area is located an opportunity to meet with the City Council and to express their views and recommendations regarding the Plan, as required by the Act; and

WHEREAS, after consideration of the Plan, the City Council has determined to approve the Plan.

NOW, THEREFORE, THE CITY OF ROMULUS ORDAINS:

- Findings.**
 - The City Council has taken into consideration the findings and recommendations of the development area citizens council.
 - The development plan portion of the Amended and Restated Plan as amended by the Amended and Restated Plan meets the requirements set forth in section 17(2) of the Act.
 - The proposed method of financing the development is feasible and the Authority has the ability to arrange the financing.
 - The development is reasonable and necessary to carry out the purposes of the Act.
 - Any land included within the Development Area to be acquired is reasonably necessary to carry out the purposes of the Act, if any.
 - The development plan as amended by the Amended and Restated Plan is in reasonable accord with the master plan of the City.
 - Public services, such as fire and police protection and utilities, are or will be adequate to service the Development Area.
 - Changes in zoning, streets, street levels, intersections, and utilities, to the extent required by the Amended and Restated Plan are reasonably necessary for the project and for the City.
- Public Purpose.** The City Council hereby determines that the Amended and Restated Plan as amended by the Amended and Restated Plan constitutes a public purpose.
- Best Interest of the Public.** The City Council hereby determines that it is in the best interests of the public to halt property value deterioration, increase prop-

- erty tax valuation, eliminate the causes of the deterioration in property values, and to promote growth in the Downtown District to proceed with the Amended and Restated Plan.
- Approval and Adoption of Amended and Restated Plan.** The Amended and Restated Plan is hereby approved and adopted. A copy of the Amended and Restated Plan and all later amendments thereto shall be maintained on file in the City Clerk’s office.
 - Amendment to 1990 Ordinance; Repeal of Portions of 1990 Ordinance; Conflict and Severability.** The 1990 Ordinance is hereby amended by this Ordinance. Section 6 of the 1990 Ordinance is hereby amended to delete the second sentence which states “The plan shall terminate when all projects described are completed and when all indebtedness incurred to finance the same are paid or December 31, 2010, whichever is earlier.” Section 11 of the 1990 Ordinance is hereby amended to delete the last two sentences which states “In 1994 and 1995 all taxing jurisdictions shall share in proportions to their tax levies twenty-five (25) percent of the projected captured tax increments. In each year thereafter all taxing jurisdictions shall share on the basis [of] thirty-three (33) percent of the captured tax increments.” All ordinances, resolutions and orders or parts thereof in conflict with the provisions of this Ordinance are to the extent of such conflict hereby repealed, and each section of this Ordinance and each subdivision of any section thereof is hereby declared to be independent, and the finding or holding of any section or subdivision thereof to be invalid or void shall not be deemed or held to affect the validity of any other section or subdivision of this Ordinance.
 - Paragraph Headings.** The paragraph headings in this Ordinance are furnished for convenience of reference only and shall not be considered to be a part of the Ordinance.
 - Publication and Recordation.** This Ordinance shall be published in full promptly after its adoption in the *Romulus Roman*, a newspaper of general circulation in the City, qualified under State law to publish legal notices, and shall be recorded in the Ordinance Book of the City, which recording shall be authenticated by the signature of the City Clerk.
 - Effective Date.** This Ordinance is hereby determined by the City Council to be immediately necessary for the interests of the City and shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage and publication as required by law. Passed and adopted by the City Council of the City of Romulus, County of Wayne, State of Michigan, on October 4 2004, and approved by the Mayor on Oct. 4 2004.

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ABSENT:	Members	<u>None</u>
NAYS:	Members	<u>None</u>

ORDINANCE DECLARED ADOPTED.
Linda Choate
City Clerk

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and complete copy of an Ordinance No. Chap 7 Art adopted by the City Council of the City of Romulus, County of Wayne, Michigan at a regular meeting held on October 4, 2004, and that said meeting was conducted and public notice of said meeting was given in full compliance with the Open Meetings Act, being Act 267, Public Acts of Michigan, 1976, and that the minutes of said meeting were kept and will be or have been made available as required by said Act.

Attest: Alan Lambert Linda Choate
Mayor City Clerk

Within forty-five (45) days after publication of any ordinance duly passed by the Council, a petition may be presented to the Council protesting against such ordinance continuing in effect. Said petition shall contain the text of such ordinance and shall be signed by not less than six percent (6%) of the registered electors registered at the last preceding election at which a Mayor of the City was elected. Said ordinance shall thereupon and thereby be suspended from operation and the Council shall immediately reconsider such ordinance.

THE SCENE

Curtain going up

New arts and entertainment director plans area wide programs

Jeff Novak
Staff Writer

Kim Alexander, director of Parks and Recreation for the City of Wayne, said the new arts and entertainment supervisor has a tall task ahead of her.

Fortunately, she said she didn't have to look too far to find a replacement for Tracy Spada, the long-time head of the theater department who took another job in August. She selected Colleen Meyer, who has long been affiliated with the community theater groups in the city, to fill the role.

"I think she's got some big shoes to fill," Alexander said. "Tracy did a great job and she was with us for a long time."

"I'm confident that we won't miss a beat," she added.

Meyer, a Westland resident, has been involved with the arts since she was a child.

"I've been involved in it since I was a little girl," she said. "I've always loved to sing and act." She grew up with the theater program in Dearborn and studied theater at Eastern Michigan University. She's been involved in several Act IV theater performances in the past and for the past 3 years has toured as part of a regional dinner theater. She's

also written dinner theater programs for the Wayne theater department, as well, including the most recent Miss Michigan Avenue show.

Alexander said she thought Meyer was a natural to replace Spada, who worked with the city for more than 16 years.

"She's got a lot of new and innovative ideas I can't wait to try out for both the youth and the adult theater programs," she said.

She's been on the job for about a month, already and is preparing for a couple of big upcoming events. The first is the annual Halloween Walk, put on by the Parks and Recreation Department and the Wayne Civitans.

This year, the event will be *The Enchanted Fairy Tale Forest*. Meyer wrote the storyline for the event, which takes place from 6-8:30 p.m. on Oct. 28-29. It entails a guided walking trip through Attwood Park, where participants will have to solve a mystery of who's been stealing artifacts from various fairy tales, like Cinderella's glass slipper, or Snow White's poisoned apple.

After that, the Adult Community Theater group will put on *Dracula*, based on the

story by Bram Stoker and the play by Stephen Dietz. Amy Lucas, from the Purple Rose Theater in Chelsea, will direct it.

Alexander said she's already working on new plans, too. Meyer and dance instructor Mary Huff are putting together a group of youngsters called the Peppermint Twists, who will perform at several events during the holiday season, including the tree lighting ceremony, the holiday parade and the Breakfast with Santa. The group will be made up of community youngsters who like to dance and sing.

"We think there will be a lot of kids in the community that will enjoy it," Alexander said.

Long-term goals include more promotion of the theater groups inside and outside the community, Meyer said. She said she wants to build on the past success of the group.

"Not a lot of people know about the theater program in Wayne," she said. "We want to get the word out about the theater, that we've been around for a while and we're going to be around for a while."

"People will drive 20 miles to audition for a show," she added. "I think they'd do that here, if they knew about it."



Colleen Meyer, the new arts and entertainment supervisor for the City of Wayne, has a few busy months ahead of her.

She said she was looking forward to working with the city, even if that meant filling in the large shoes of her predecessor.

"It's a good job for me right now," she said. "It's always nice to get paid to do something you love."

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2004 Mustang Premium Stk. #41817 Was \$21,800 Now \$13,499⁰⁰* Rear spoiler, power driver's seat, speed control, air conditioning, six disc CD changer, 16" bright alloy wheels. SAVE OVER \$6,000!	2005 Escape XLS FWD Stk. #50314 Was \$20,895 Now \$14,273⁴⁴* Power windows, center console, dual power mirrors, air conditioning, power locks, convenience group, sport group. <table border="1"> <tr> <td>Zero Down 24 mo. lease</td> <td>\$1500 Down 24 mo. lease</td> </tr> <tr> <td>\$188²⁸* PAYMENT</td> <td>\$122⁹⁰* PAYMENT</td> </tr> <tr> <td>\$402⁵⁸ AMOUNT DUE</td> <td>\$1923²⁷ AMOUNT DUE</td> </tr> </table>	Zero Down 24 mo. lease	\$1500 Down 24 mo. lease	\$188²⁸* PAYMENT	\$122⁹⁰* PAYMENT	\$402⁵⁸ AMOUNT DUE	\$1923²⁷ AMOUNT DUE	2004 Tuscany Conversion Van Stk. #43480 Was \$39,945 Now \$23,767⁰⁶* Gold ash met tan interior, pref equip pkg, RV convrt trim, 5.4L EFI V-8, auto O/D trans, aux heat & air, RV plus pkg, P235/70R16XL OWL all-season, swing-out SD/FX cargo glass, leather wrapped steering wheel, 16" bright alum wheels, bifold sofa, full length boards, Sleekstar Conversion, wood sills & more. SAVE OVER \$16,000!		2004 Ranger Super Cab 4x4 Stk. #44441 Was \$24,800 Now \$15,999⁴⁰* Ordord white, MP3 CD/cass. player, 4-wheel ABS, fog lamps, sliding rear window, CFC-free air, V6 eng., 5-spd. auto. O/D trans., bright step bar, cloth sport bucket seats, trailer tow pkg. SAVE OVER \$8,800!							
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Halloween Hauntings

Family Fright Night Fiesta set

Do the mash—the monster mash, from 7 to 9 p.m. on tomorrow at the Summit on the Park grand ballroom. The First Annual Halloween Dance will feature music, light refreshments, door prizes and a costume contest. Tickets will not be sold at this event and walk-ins will not be accepted. Tickets must be purchased beforehand through the leisure services office and are priced at \$5 for residents and \$6.50 for non-residents. Children 3 and under will be admitted free. For more information, call leisure services at (734) 394-5460.

Pets on Parade is planned

The Howl-O-Ween Pet Festival and Parade is scheduled from 2-5 p.m. on Saturday, Oct. 30. Costumed pets and their owners will have the opportunity to participate in games, contests, and more at Ford Field in downtown Northville. The pet parade will begin at 5 p.m. Ford Field is located just north of Main Street and to the east of Sheldon Road / Center Street. The event is being organized by the Northville Department of Parks and Recreation.

Corn Maze helps Maybury

The Pumpkin Patch at Maybury Farm is open for early

pumpkin shoppers! Tractor rides to the Patch are available for a \$2 donation per adult, \$1 per child (4 to 11) under 4 free and \$3 per pumpkin. The Corn Maze, is still going strong and is open on Fridays, 5- 9 p.m., as well as Saturdays and Sundays from 2-9 p.m. Tickets are \$4 per child and \$8 per adult. All of the proceeds from these two events will go toward rebuilding Maybury Farm. For additional information please call (248) 374-0200.

Costume contest planned

The Great Pumpkin Caper costume contest will be from 5:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. on Oct. 29 at the Band Shell at Kellogg Park in downtown Plymouth. To register pick up a ticket number at the Band Shell between 5:30 p.m. and 6:30 p.m. and winners will be announced at 7 p.m. For more information about this contest contact the Plymouth Community Chamber of Commerce at (734) 453-1540 or visit www.plymouthmi.org.

Candy giveaway downtown

There will be Trick or Treating from 5:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. on Friday Oct. 29 at downtown Plymouth merchants. There will be members of the Plymouth Rotary Club serving as crossing guards to help keep children safe. Children can dress up. For more

information about the event contact the Plymouth Community Chamber of Commerce at (734) 453-1540 or visit

Scarecrows are on display

Scarecrows in the Park in Downtown Plymouth in Kellogg Park will be available to look at anytime. At night the scarecrows will be lighted. The scarecrows are made by businesses, clubs and families. For more information contact the Plymouth Community Chamber of Commerce at (734) 453-1540.

Cider mill is open

Plymouth Orchards and Cider Mill offers pumpkins, baked

goods, wagon rides, a farm market, and picnic area. It is open in October from 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. and in November from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. The orchard and mill will close Nov. 27. It is located at 10685 Warren Road in Plymouth. For more information about the orchard call (734) 455-2290.

Wagon rides are available

Plymouth Orchards and Cider Mill offers wagon rides on weekdays from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. for \$1 per child and free for children 0-3 years. Weekend rides are from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. and are \$3 per child. The orchard is located at 10685 Warren Road in Plymouth. For more information about the

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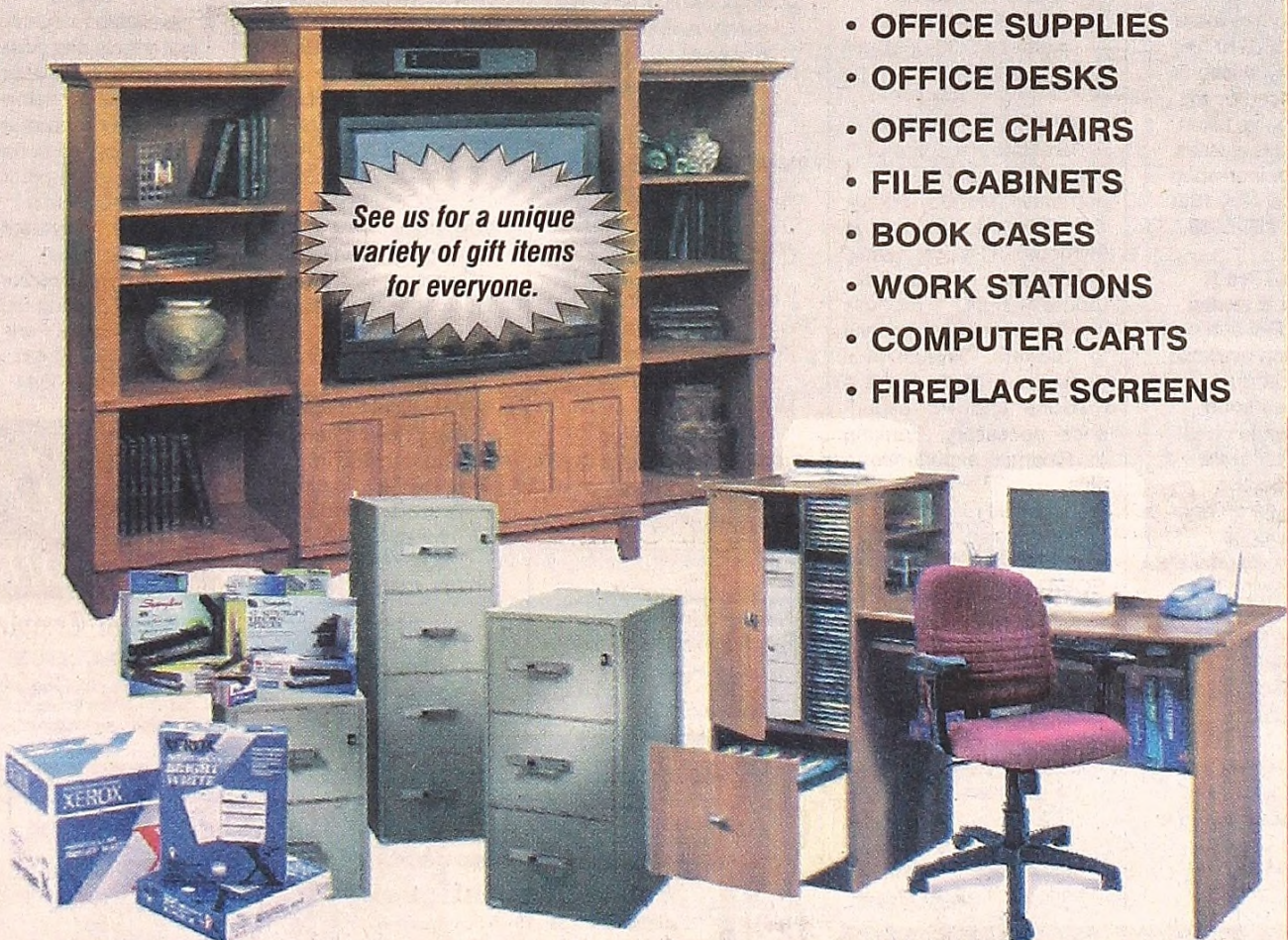
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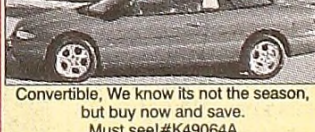
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"Good news," Joan said. "This morning, the doctor told me there is nothing seriously wrong with me. There is no tumor in my pancreas."

"Geez, you must be really happy," I said.

"Oh, yeah, but let me finish."

I smiled because Joan is wonderfully dramatic and very visual.

"The doctor added, 'You know you can never drink again,'" Joan said. "My immediate thought was, 'Oh, yeah, just watch.' And, I haven't had a drink in 15 years. Can you imagine?"

"Sure," I said. "No one on God's green earth wants to be told they can't."

"But, 15 years, no drinking, why do you suppose I felt that?"

"For me, defiance is my diseased ego acting out in a negative way. Since you asked, it sounds like there was humility missing, Joan. Where's the gratitude for not having a life threatening disease? Do you think there's some arrogance involved?"

"What do you mean?"

I shared a few of my past actions when I haven't felt well. You might relate.

I'm feeling sick, out of energy long enough to give in and call the doctor. It takes a lot, because I'm not good at feeling poorly. Fortunately, I have a wonderful doctor who always responds by seeing me the same day I call. I know, that is a miracle in this age of HMOs, PPOs, Oh-O-Os, when it

usually takes a month or more to get an appointment. So, yes, I am fortunate and grateful for it.

Yet, by the time I make the call to the doc, I've got myself mentally putting one foot in the grave and expecting the worse. When I see the doctor and everything turns out OK—and by that, I mean no life-threatening disease or illness—the first thing I used to think was, "Hell, I just wasted time." How's that for arrogance?

Another example: After years of battling depression, which runs in my family, a doctor suggested an anti-depressant. He gave me samples. Did I follow his advice? Yeah, sure, like the pope's not a Catholic, I did. It took me another year of suffering before I got humble enough to accept that I was merely human, not superhuman, and do what the doctor ordered.

"Gee, you're a lot worse than I am," Joan said.

"In your dreams," I answered, and we laughed together.

It helps to have friends who talk openly with each other.

"You ought to encourage others with questions or problems to write to you," Joan said. "You sure like helping others."

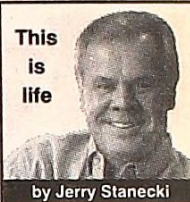
Why not, I thought.

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Westland Police
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impounded, abandoned
vehicles. The first auction
will begin promptly at
10:00 a.m. at Westland
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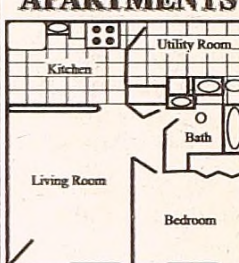
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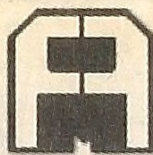
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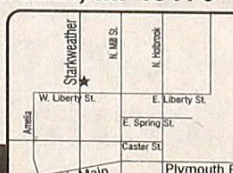
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SPORTS

Lady Eagles dominate Cougars, 76-50, on the road

Jeff Novak
Staff Writer

The Romulus Lady Eagles were out to prove a point against the Garden City Cougars Thursday night. And they did.

Romulus Coach Rhonda Henry said the team had some unfinished business with the Cougars after Garden City knocked them out of the district tournament last year. So Romulus came back this year and beat them, 76-50, on the road in the teams' first league contest.

The Eagles jumped ahead in the first quarter of play. They took a nine-point lead, 21-12, against the taller Garden City and made it a 10-point game, 37-27, to end the half. The team managed the advantage without star senior point guard Paris Hawkins, who left the game after her knee locked up in the first quarter.

It didn't matter. The Lady Eagles pulled together and put the game out of reach in the third frame of play. The team knocked down 30 points to take a 67-41 lead.

The third quarter performance was a big improve-

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ment over the last few weeks, she said.

“The last few weeks we haven't come out strong in the third,” she said. “At half time I stressed the importance of being aggressive and how we have to come out stronger in the third.”

With Hawkins out, seniors Janiece Armstrong and Ashley Sibby stepped it up in the second half. Between the two they scored 27 of the team's 30 points in the third quarter. Armstrong knocked down 16 points, which included four three-pointers. She finished the night with 39 points and nine three-pointers to lead the team.

“She was so determined,” Henry said. “She told the team, ‘We have to do this for Paris.’ Everyone really stepped up.”

They also received an inspirational half-time speech from the injured Hawkins.

“She said ‘We've grown up. On Tuesday we grew up and we have to keep playing that way,’” Henry said. Hawkins referred to the game against Ann Arbor Huron where they came from behind to win, 73-67, in overtime.

Sibby added 11 of her 23 points in the third against Garden City. She also recorded seven rebounds, seven assists and nine steals. She made the highlight reel when she made a spectacular play off the press. She jumped in the air and intercepted a Cougar pass; and while still in the air, she made a shot for two, Henry said.

Other players also stepped up, she said. Erika Wasson took over at point guard for Hawkins and showed a lot of composure. She did an excellent job of distributing the ball around, Henry said. She earned seven assists in the

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Plymouth's Tim Sestito crashes into Kingston's Bobby Hughes. The Whalers defeated the Frontenacs, 3-2, on Saturday night. The win put them three points ahead of Sarnia and Windsor in the West Division.

Whalers back on top
Plymouth tops Kingston to lead West Division

Jeff Novak
Staff Writer

Just because the Red Wings are locked out doesn't mean Detroit will be without a winning hockey team this year.

The Plymouth Whalers proved last week that there's no shoes they can't fill. They defeated the Kingston Frontenacs, 3-2, Saturday night and now stand alone at the top of the Western Division of the Ontario Hockey League (OHL).

Cory Tanaka's goal 12:56 into the second quarter was good enough to secure the win. It was the rookie's first career OHL goal.

The first and third periods remained scoreless but it was the second that broke the game open where all five of the game's goals were scored.

Todd Griffith scored his sixth goal of the season about two minutes into the period for Kingston. Evan Kotsopoulos

and Chris Stewart recorded assists.

Vaclav Meidl evened the score six and a half minutes later with help from Andrew Fournier and Mike Letizia. But Stewart came right back with a goal at the midway point of the period. His score put the Frontenacs back on top, 2-1.

Fournier, from Meidl and Gino Pisellini, equalized the score again 17 seconds later. Then, with 7:04 left in the period, Tanaka drilled home the wining goal. Mike Looby and Letizia earned the assists on the play.

The Whalers peppered the Kingston net with 48 shots. Frontenac goalie Dayne Davis managed 45 stops in the contest. Ryan Nie was in net for Plymouth. He stopped 32 of 34 shots and now has a 1.89 goals against average – second in the OHL. He is 5-3-1 on the season.

The Whalers lead the West

Division with a 5-3-1-1 record. They are three points ahead of Sarnia and Windsor.

Whalers 2, Otters 2

Plymouth regained their first-place status with a 2-2 tie against the Erie Otters on Friday night.

Tim Sestito's power-play goal in the third period evened the score. With help from John Vigilante and Fournier, Sestito put the puck past Erie goalie Jhase Sniderman with 12:28 remaining in regulation play. It was his fifth goal of the season. Erie's Ryan O'Marra was in the box for holding to give the Whalers a man-advantage.

The game started out in favor of Plymouth when John Mitchell lit up the scoreboard for the first time this season. The goal came on a power play 1:46 after the opening faceoff. Steve Ward and Vigilante notched the assists.

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Gridiron Mustangs
topple Spartans, 35-9

Jeff Novak
Staff Writer

The cold, rainy conditions Friday night couldn't stop Northville senior tailback Mac Stilec.

He raced to 273 yards on 16 carries to lead the Mustangs to a 35-9 victory against the Stevenson Spartans.

“It was good to have him back,” said Northville Coach Clint Alexander. “And obviously the offensive line did a great job, too.”

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each other down.*

This was the first game that Stilec was able to go full force since he strained a hamstring several weeks ago. The funny thing is: he is only about 90 percent, according to Alexander.

Stilec scored two touchdowns, including a 68-yard jaunt in the third quarter that put the game out of reach for the Spartans.

On their opening drive, Northville's junior quarterback Charlie Thomas scored on a one-yard run. The kick was good and it gave the Mustangs a 7-0 lead. Stevenson countered when junior quarterback Chad Casey threw a 30-yard touchdown strike to senior receiver Pat Hearn. Their kick was good and the score was knotted, 7-7.

Thomas and Stilec combined for two touchdowns in the second quarter. Thomas ran the first one in from 32 yards out, while Stilec scampered in from 42 yards away. The two scores put Northville up 21-7 at halftime.

Stilec showed no ill effects of a sore hamstring in the third quarter, either. He had a 45-yard run to set up Thomas' third touchdown of the night. Thomas punched it in from three yards out and extended Northville's lead. Stilec finished off the scoring with the 68-yard TD run.

Stevenson managed a safety in the second half to make it a 35-9 game.

Thomas ended the night with 61 yards rushing with three touchdowns on nine carries. He was also 3-of-12 for 42 yards and an interception. Mike Jameson had two catches for 28 yards, which included one for 22 yards on a post route up the middle, according to Alexander. The play forced the safety back, which allowed Northville to run the ball more effectively, he said.

The defense played great. Defensive end Joe Hogan led the team with 11 tackles and a sack. The secondary recorded four interceptions in the game. David Bandy had two big interceptions; one would have been a Spartan touchdown and the other denied Stevenson a first down, Alexander said.

The defense also held Stevenson to 150 yards on the ground all on short gains, Alexander said. They never gave up the big play.

Northville now has a 7-1 record, a vast improvement from last year, Alexander said. He attributes the turnaround to team chemistry.

“I really believe in this group of kids. They balance each other out,” he said. “When they look down the line they don't want to be the one that lets the team down. The guys have really bonded this year and don't want to let each other down. It's really been great to see.”

The ‘Stangs will play their fourth home game tonight against neighboring rivals the Novi Wildcats. If they win, Alexander said they have a good chance to gain home-field advantage for the district playoffs.

Canton knocks off Northville, 35-25

Jeff Novak
Staff Writer

The Northville Mustangs did everything they could to keep Canton's Katie Cezat out of the game last Thursday night.

They limited Cezat to 10 points, but with the team concentrating on her, Lisa Ealy came through to win the game for Canton, 35-25. Ealy recorded her first double-double of the season with 12 points and 10 rebounds to help Canton move to first place in the Western Division of the Western Lakes Activities Association (WLAA). She also made 4 assists.

Canton Coach Bob Blohm was happy with the performance.

"Lisa did a great job," he said. "She rebounded the ball, got some second shots, she cut and moved well; it was one of her better games."

"It was a big game. It kept us on top of the division," he added.

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We played great and really played good defense.

**Canton Coach
Bob Blohm**

"We played great and really played good defense."

They held Northville's offense to 25 points and held them to single digits in three of the four quarters. The Chiefs allowed only 10 points in the third.

"We didn't shoot the ball very well," said Northville Coach Pete Wright. "Canton always does a great job defensively and doesn't allow any easy baskets."

Northville was solid on defense as well as they held

Canton to less than 40 points. Blohm said that Northville's zone style of defense, along with a passing offense, slowed their offense down.

Heather Cox had her hands full as she guarded Cezat and did a great job, according to Wright.

"Heather did an excellent job limiting Cezat's touches," he said. "We helped out with everyone on Katie, but we left players open. We knew Ealy was capable of making shots and she did."

Cezat was limited to 10 points but was still a force on the boards, where she grabbed 19 rebounds.

Canton led 7-5 after one period of play. They boosted their lead to 15-11 at the half. Ealy scored seven of Canton's eight points in the second period. Both teams reached double figures in the third, Canton 12 and Northville 10, but it was Canton

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Canton's Katie Cezat secures the ball after she recovered a defensive rebound in the Chiefs' 35-25 victory against league rival Northville. She finished with 19 rebounds and 10 points.

Two for one; Northville couple each hit hole-in-one in same week

Jeff Novak
Staff Writer

Some golfers go their entire careers without hitting a hole-in-one. What are the chances that a husband and wife could both hit one within a week of each other?

That's the story of Northville residents Donna Marie and her husband, Greg Skindzier.

On Aug. 27 Skindzier stepped up to the tee on the 12th hole at the Links of Whitmore Lake. With his five-iron in hand, he drove the ball 145 yards and watched the ball drop into the hole, according to Marie.

"We were stunned," Marie said. "We asked a foursome behind us to walk up to the hole and verify the ball was in there."

Sure enough, Skindzier, in only his fifth year of playing, recorded his first-ever ace.

One week later, on Sept. 4, Marie grabbed her eight-iron and took aim from the seventh tee at the same course. She hit the ball 120 yards and, much to her amazement, watched her ball roll into the hole. Her friends, Cathy Gillis and Sam Semple, witnessed the

shot and verified the hole-in-one.

"We couldn't believe it," she said. "We were so excited."

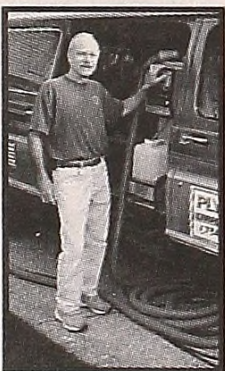
For Marie, it was long over due. It was her first ace in 40 years of golfing. She started to play golf early and, at the age of 13, she won the Detroit Free Press All-area Girls' Tournament.

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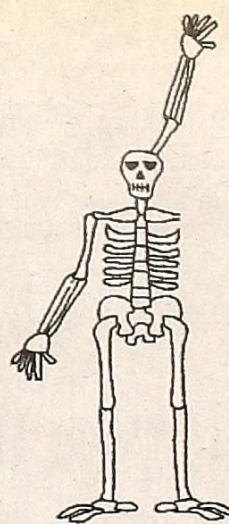
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Romulus Eagles fall to Taylor Truman, 27-7

Jeff Novak
Staff Writer

Friday night's conditions didn't help the Romulus Eagles one bit when they faced off against Taylor Truman.

The wet and slippery circumstances led to what Romulus Coach Wade Cook said was as

many as 15 fumbles. The turnovers led to a 27-7 loss for the Eagles and a Mega White championship for Truman.

"The kids just couldn't adjust to the conditions," Cook said. "It was one of those games where you really have to concentrate and we just didn't do that. The turnovers hurt us, but that's no

excuse. They held onto the ball and we didn't."

Of the 15 fumbles, Cook said they lost nine of them and five of those were in the first half. Truman didn't turn the ball over once in the messy conditions.

Surprisingly, the Eagles were only down by six at half time, 13-7. Truman recovered one of

Romulus' fumbles on the Eagle's 38-yard line, which set up Ferris Thomas' 10-yard score for a 7-0 lead.

The Cougars scored again in the second quarter when quarterback Eric Mandreger hit Codera Wright for a 65-yard TD pass. The score put the Cougars up 13-0.

With a minute left in the half, Romulus quarterback Ahmaad Gamble took a gamble on third down and lofted a pass 38 yards to Terrance McKay to put Romulus on the board, 13-7.

Truman came out strong in the second half and Travis

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Northville suffers first loss, Stevenson wins conference

Jeff Novak
Staff Writer

With their eye on the larger goal, the top-ranked Northville soccer team fell, 2-1, to the No. 3 ranked Stevenson Spartans last Wednesday night in Northville.

Northville Coach Henry Klimes said he held out five of his starters in the Western Lakes championship game in order to rest them for the district championship this week.

"Stevenson played well," he said. "If we had to lose one it was better that we did it this week than in districts."

Stevenson shot to a 2-0 half-time lead with goals from Jordan Fylenenko and Bobby Merritt. But the second half was pretty even, Klimes said. The Mustangs had some chances that just didn't go their way. Midfielder Alex Wood, forward Mike Cornelius and defender Vinnie Ciampa all had opportunities, but their shots

either sailed wide or glanced off of the post or crossbar, according to Klimes.

Midfielder Alex Rickett had a tremendous game. He gave Stevenson's back four a run for their money, Klimes said.

Northville played most of the game without lead scorer James Hannah, Phil Yutzy, Mike Kaldis and Mike Blasius. Most were out nursing minor injuries. However, they started to get antsy late in the second half when they were

down 2-0, Klimes said. After pleading with the coach, Hannah entered the game and scored Northville's lone goal.

It wasn't enough and Stevenson snuck away with the 2-1 victory.

Klimes didn't appear too concerned as he is trying to prepare the team for district tournament, which starts this week. He said the team should be at full strength for it.

On Tuesday, Northville hosted

Redford Union. The results were not available for press time. If the Mustangs won, they will face Stevenson again in Livonia tonight for the district semi-final—something Klimes said he is looking forward to.

"I'd like to see Stevenson again," he said. "The rivalry has gotten huge. We have a lot of respect for the team and the coaching staff and vice-versa; I think they have a lot of respect for us."

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Tigers find rhythm, sweep week

Jeff Novak
Staff Writer

After a four-game slide, the Belleville Tigers pulled out two impressive wins last week against Lincoln Park and Wyandotte.

Most recently, they defeated Wyandotte Roosevelt, 40-26, last Thursday. The Tigers were relentless in the first half against the Bears. They outscored Wyandotte 14-8 in the opening period and 13-6 in the second to take a 27-14 lead at halftime.

Cynthia McGoldrick was a force on the boards, with 10 rebounds in the game, according to Belleville Coach Kevin Edwards. In the first quarter she had back-to-back offensive rebounds that she put back for points. She led the team with 12 on the night.

The second quarter started out with a Belleville turnover but Wyandotte was unable to convert it into points. From there the Tigers gained control to score 13 points. Taylor Manley finished off the half with a free throw that put Belleville up, 27-14.

The offense slowed down

some in the second half of the contest. Belleville scored seven and six points in the final two periods but Edwards said it was the man defense that won the game for them. Belleville runs a full-court press for all four quarters.

"The full-court press usually catches up to teams in the fourth quarter," he said.

Very true. The Tigers limited Wyandotte to four points in the fourth quarter and Lincoln Park to just two points in the fourth, when they played last Tuesday.

The defense held Wyandotte to single digits in all four quarters. Despite only scoring 13 points in the final two frames of play, the Tigers held on for a 40-26 victory.

Manley scored nine and recorded seven assists, according to Edwards. Danica Holms found herself in the mix with seven points.

Belleville 59, Lincoln Park 34

Belleville's offense found a rhythm last Tuesday when they outscored Lincoln Park 59-34.

Manley and McGoldrick found the net for 12 points, apiece. McGoldrick was solid off

the boards again with 14 rebounds while Jasmine Peterson grabbed 10. Tia Lewis knocked down 11 points.

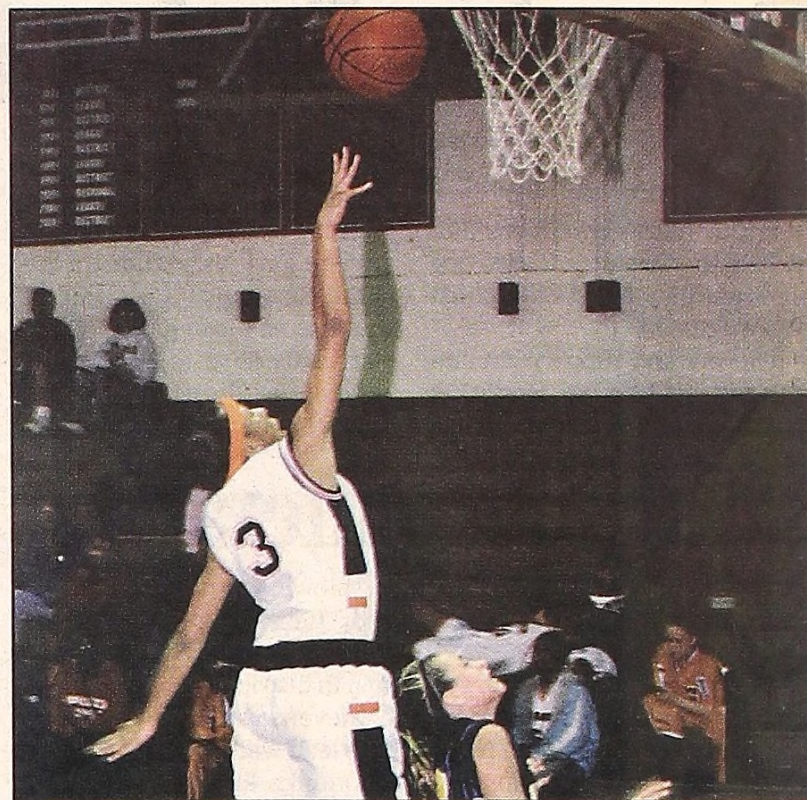
Bethany Goodpasler scored 14 for Lincoln Park.

Edwards said he was pleased with the defense. The Tigers held Lincoln Park to single digits in the final three quarters, including the two-point fourth. He said the team still needs to work on free throws, however. The Tigers hit only 6-of-14 from the line.

"The girls are working hard and always do," Edwards said. "That's all I can ask for."

Belleville will be put to the test for the rest of the season as they face seven of the next eight opponents on the road. The next two weeks will be particularly tough as they take on the top teams in the league, too. They play Monroe tonight and then head to Inkster Tuesday to take on the Vikings, who lost both of their games last week to Monroe and Southgate. Then Belleville travels to Southgate next Thursday.

Belleville lost to all three teams earlier in the season.



Taylor Manley makes an easy lay-up in Belleville's 40-26 victory against Wyandotte Roosevelt last Thursday.

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Whalers

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After that, Erie came back with two unanswered goals. Michael Blunden scored at 4:04 and tied the game, 1-1. Plymouth's Mike Knight was serving time for roughing, which allowed Erie the extra man.

Sean O'Connor and O'Marra were credited with the assists.

With Mitchell in the box for slashing, Herring gave the Otters a 2-1 lead when he put one past Nie at the 11:25 mark. Rob Hisey and O'Marra helped on the score.

The second period remained scoreless but Sestito knotted the score at 7:04 in the final regulation period.

The tie placed them back in sole possession of their division.

After the two wins at home, the Whalers hit the road for three games this weekend.

They head to Peterborough tonight; they head to Kingston for a rematch tomorrow night and then head to Ottawa on Saturday.

Eagles

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win. Landria Buckley served up five points and nabbed nine rebounds with four steals. Jasmine Charles contributed with five rebounds while Jasmine Brown grabbed four and added two points.

The extent of Hawkins' injury was unknown at the beginning of the week. Henry said there was no swelling and didn't think it was anything too serious. She added that Paris is determined to finish playing her senior year, regardless.

Romulus 73, Huron 67 (OT)

Despite being down 10 points the entire game, the Lady Eagles came back to secure a 73-67 victory in overtime against Ann Arbor Huron last Tuesday night.

"This team is so tenacious that they don't give up," Henry said. "We could have easily fallen apart, but the team responded."

Romulus was down 53-44 at the end of the third but battled back in the fourth to make it a three-point game, 65-62.

Sibby came up big when she grabbed an offensive rebound and made the put-back for two and drew the foul. She hit the free throw from the line to knot the game at 65.

In overtime, the Eagles' defense and free throws were the keys to the victory, Henry said. The team had five steals, four by Buckley, at the beginning of the extra period to control the tempo of the game, according to Henry.

Sibby, who was 9-of-10 from the line in the game and was perfect on with four attempts in overtime, helped solidify the win. She finished with 17 points, 18 rebounds, four steals and six blocked shots. Armstrong led the offense with 21 points, while Hawkins added 19 with nine assists and seven rebounds.

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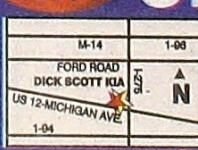
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Football

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Spencer raced 39 yards for a score that put the Cougars up 21-7. They put the game away in the fourth when Mandreger scored on a trick play from 33 yards out. That put the game away 27-7.

The wet field slowed Romulus' running game. They slipped and slid their way to 182 yards on the ground led by Mario Crawford's 89 yards on 12 carries. James Kendricks had 64 yards on nine carries. Adrian Watson led the defense with five solo tackles.

The Eagles head into the final game of the regular season against the Belleville Tigers tomorrow night at home. Both teams have been inconsistent this season but the rivalry should make it a good game, Cook said.

"It'll be one of those games where you throw the records out," he said. "We'll just line up and see who's left standing"

Basketball

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that kept the ball out of the Mustangs' hands in the fourth. Canton outscored Northville 8-4 in the final period and secured the 35-25 victory.

Simone Toney scored seven points for Northville.

Canton plays cross-campus rivals Plymouth tonight at home while Northville heads to Salem.

Chiefs 59, Rockets 29

Canton dismantled the John Glenn Rockets, 59-29, last Tuesday.

Canton outscored the Rockets 17-7 in the opening quarter and continued the pressure in the second to take a 28-13 lead at the half.

The Chiefs came out and blasted the Rockets for 23 points in the third, which gave them a commanding 51-26 lead. They scored eight and allowed only three points in the final eight minutes for the 59-29 triumph.

Cezat led with 19 points and 11 rebounds. Freshman Marie Martin scored 14 while Ealy nailed 13.

Mustangs 34, Zebras 24

Northville had another low-scoring game against the Wayne Memorial Zebras last Tuesday. They won that game, though, 34-24.

Evonna Karchon scored more than half of the Mustangs' points (18) and had 11 rebounds.

Northville made seven steals in the game with three of them by Lindsey Blair.

Wayne led 9-5 after the first period. A 6-6 second quarter maintained the Zebras' four-point lead at the half.

Northville outscored Wayne 10-5 in the third and took a 21-20 lead as they entered the final frame of play. The offense picked up and scored 13 while the Mustangs held Wayne to four, which secured the 34-24 win.

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(Orig. or Deep)

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Three
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PLUS CASINO
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**TWO PIZZAS
Any
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**1 LARGE PIZZA
WITH 4 ITEMS**

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**1 LARGE DELUXE
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OR
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PIZZA
With One Item**

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**1 - 24" PIZZA
w/ Cheese
& Pepperoni
& Any Two
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ONLY \$19.99 +tax

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